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ATTEMPT ON STALIN

Officer Shot In Kremlin On Drawing Dagger

GRAVE INTERNAL CRISIS DEVELOPING

Warsaw, To-day.

A sensational allegation appears in a Warsaw newspaper to the effect that an attempt was made on the life of Stalin on Tuesday by a Red Army officer.

The officer, says the report, was talking with Stalin in the Kremlin when he suddenly drew a dagger and tried to stab the Dictator.

Stalin, the report alleges, personally shot his officer assailant dead with his revolver.

No mail has arrived in Warsaw from Russia since Tuesday, which is regarded by the Polish newspapers as indicating the gravity of the situation in the Soviet.

All letters, newspapers and parcels have been held up at the frontier by Soviet officials.

Yesterday the leading Polish news agency issued a statement to the effect that the Polish frontier would be closed in the event of disorders occurring in the Soviet.

A report also appears in various Warsaw journals stating that M. Rosenholtz, recently removed from the post of Commissar for Foreign Trade, has been arrested and will be brought to trial on a charge of embezzlement.—Trans-Ocean.

STATE EXECUTIVE TAKES LIFE

Suicide Of Chairman In
White Russia

Moscow, To-day.

Another Soviet leader has evaded the iron hand of "purge" by taking his own life.

It was officially announced here yesterday that M. Agerjakoff, Chairman of the Central Executive Committee of White Russia — a post equivalent to that of State President — had committed suicide a few hours previously.

The reason that compelled him to take his own life is stated in the official statement to be "unknown," but it is an open secret that during the last few days, numerous arrests of leading officials have been made by the G.P.U. in Minsk, the capital of White Russia, some of them on charges of anti-Stalin activities.

It is thought that M. Agerjakoff took his own life rather than face the fate of the others. — Trans-Ocean.

HEIR TO THRONE OF BULGARIA BORN

Sofia, To-day.

Queen Ionna, wife of King Boris of Bulgaria, gave birth to a son yesterday morning.

Both mother and child are doing well.

The Queen was formerly Princess Giovanna of Italy, and gave birth to a daughter, Princess Marie Louise, in 1933.

Wild rejoicing has broken out amongst the whole population on the announcement, which was officially telegraphed to the Queen's parents, the King and Queen of Italy.

The new Prince becomes automatically Heir to the Bulgarian Throne.—Trans-Ocean.

PRINCE SIMEON

The Crown Prince born to the Bulgarian Royal Couple yesterday, will be christened Simeon, and will receive the title of Duke of Tirnovo.

The name of Simeon was chosen by King Boris in commemoration of the Bulgarian King Simeon who reigned in the 9th century, whilst Tirnovo is the name of the ancient town where former Bulgarian kings were crowned.—Trans-Ocean.

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King Boris of Bulgaria, Queen Ionna and their daughter, Princess Marie Louise. Queen Ionna yesterday gave birth to a son, who becomes Crown Prince.

China Coast Officers Get New Wage Scale

The "China Mail" learns authoritatively that an agreement has been reached between Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company and officers employed by the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company in connection with the recent agitation for better wages conditions.

The terms have not been disclosed, but it is known that the officers were asking for restoration of the 1921 arbitration scale.

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For smart afternoon wear, Bette Davis, screen actress, presents this ensemble in a new, popular twin print combination. The dress of lustrous black sheer with a leaf design in old gold shows a softly draped bodice and gored skirt. The coat is full length, of heavy sheer.

Philharmonic Bathing Picnic

The Philharmonic Society usually celebrates its productions by a social event such as a dinner dance. "The Street Singer", however, having been put on late in the season, the opinion was voiced at the annual meeting that something in the nature of a launch picnic would be a more appropriate means of celebrating the success, if not financially, certainly in every other respect, of the latest production. The guarantee of support has been so encouraging as to warrant the engaging of a large launch for a picnic for Saturday.

The Party will leave Kowloon Pier at 2.15 p.m. and Queen's Pier at 2.30 p.m. The producer, principals and chorus, orchestra and many others, who contributed to the success of the production, to say nothing of their friends will be present. The destination of the party, however, like the society's next production, is a guarded secret.

TEARLESS ONIONS

Science, having developed an odorless cabbage, is now hot on the trail of a "tearless" onion, but while science is pursuing its quarry, a newcomer to the kitchen will prove an invaluable aid to Mrs. Housewife.

Pure onion juice (not to be confused with such appetizers as tomato juice and pineapple juice) is a new bottled extract for making delicious gravies, roasts and stews. Available in a crystal-clear glass container, which protects the flavour and keeps the odour in, it presents in plain view the solution to a long-troublesome problem—"weepless" cooking.

Secrets Of Good Sandwiches

The secrets of good sandwich cutting and packing are to

1. Use a very sharp knife.
2. Halve the loaf first and match the slices end to end.
3. Spread only one slice of bread with butter and the other with the mixture.
4. Work the butter into a cream before spreading.
5. Cut the bread very substantially and evenly. After joining the two slices together press well with a broad-bladed knife.
6. Remember that sandwich spread needs to be more highly seasoned than if the mixture were to be eaten alone.
7. Use day-old bread. If the bread is crumbly, heat the knife in boiling water, dry it and use whilst hot.

8. No sandwich can survive bad wrapping. To keep them moist, yet firm, wrap each person's portion in waxed paper, then wrap the whole in a damp cloth with thick paper wrapping outside. Wrapped in this manner, sandwiches remain fresh for forty-eight hours.

Suggested fillings are:—

- Cold meats.
- Hashed cold fish and minced boiled egg.
- Minced hard-boiled egg with chopped ham.
- Cream cheese and nuts.
- Cream cheese and banana.
- Grated chocolate and preserve ginger.
- Honey and walnut.
- Grated apples and chopped nuts beaten with butter.
- Apple and mayonnaise.

COSMETICS ADVICE

Don't waste beauty preparations. Whether your budget is limited or not it is a splendid idea to learn to use cosmetics frugally.

For instance, skin tonics and astringents last twice as long if you always dip cotton pads in ice water, wring them as dry as possible, then saturate with tonic. A thin layer of night cream, applied correctly and really patted in, does more good than a thick layer smeared on haphazardly and removed almost immediately.

Unless your bottle of bath oil has a special shaker top measure it with an old teaspoon, kept in the bathroom for that purpose. Half a spoonful of the concentrated varieties is sufficient to soften and scent the water.

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12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.
12.30 p.m.—Duke Ellington and His Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—
Jazz Convulsions.
Rockin' in rhythm.
Sump'n 'bout rhythm.
Moon over Dixie.
Awful sad.
Twelfth Street Rag.
Admiration.
Merry-go-round.
Three little words.
1 p.m.—Local: Times Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Raie da Costa.
Jazz Goblins.
Waltz Romantique.
Sweet and lovely.
Many happy returns of the day.
"Goodnight Vienna"—Medley.
"Sunshine Susie"—Medley.
"Waltz Time"—Medley.
Dancing Butterfly.
What are your intentions?
1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press, Rugby Press; Local: Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Marek Weber and His Orchestra.
Potpourri of Waltzes—
No. 2 (Robrecht).
Chinese Fairy Tales
(Dreyer, arr. Yoshitomo).
In the Temple of the Bells
(Yoshitomo).
Salut d'amour (Elgar).
I kiss your lips (Rudolphe).
Potpourri of Waltzes—
No. 3 (Robrecht).

To-day's Wireless

ZBW 355 M. 845 k.c's : : : ZEK 640 k.c's.

At the Tchaikovsky Fountain (Urbach).
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
5-8 p.m.—European Programme.
5 p.m.—A Relay of Dance Music from the Roof-Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.
PROGRAMME
5-5.25 p.m.—
1. Oh say, can you swing?
2. Where are you?
3. There's no two ways about it.
4. That foolish feeling.
5. Coronation Waltz.
6. Music in May.
7. Medley of Favourite old Waltzes.
5.25-5.35 p.m.—Interval—Recorded Dance Music from ZBW.
5.35-6 p.m.—
8. The Girl on the Police Gazette.
9. He ain't got rhythm.
10. This year's kisses.
11. Slumming on Park Avenue.
12. Havana Heaven.
13. Panamanian.
14. Organ Grinder's swing.
6 p.m.—From the Studio.
A Children's Concert.
6.30 p.m.—German Music.
Choral—
"Die Meistersinger" (Wagner)—
Da zu dir der Heiland kam.....
Chorus & Orch: of the State Opera, Berlin.
Tenor Solos—
"Götterdämmerung" (Wagner)—
Brunnhilde! Holiest Bride!
"Tristan und Isolde" (Wagner)—

Full of Grace....Lauritz Melchior, and the London Symphony Orchestra.
Mezzo-Soprano Solos—
The Fisherman.
The Secret.
Fisher-Ways (Schubert),
Elena Gerhardt.
Orchestral—
Don Juan—Symphonic Poem.
Op. 20 (Strauss).....Symphony Orchestra, Conducted by Albert Coates.
7 p.m.—Charlie Kung at the Piano.
Charlie Kung Piano Medleys Nos. R.5, R.9 and R.18.
7.20 p.m.—Three Songs by Luigi Fort (Tenor).
"Mignon" Thomas—Addio, Mignon.
Ay, ay, ay (Freire).
Ideale (Tosti).
7.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
7.33 p.m.—Creatore's Band.
"Meistofele"—Prologue (Boito).
Selections.
"Traviata"—Selection (Verdi).
"Cavalleria Rusticana"—Selection (Mascagni).
8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—From the Studio.
A Chinese Concert.
11 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.
8.05-11 p.m.—European Programme from Z.E.K., on a Frequency of 640 Kilocycles.
8.05 p.m.—Symphony No. 5 in C Minor, Op. 67 (Beethoven), Played by the Royal Albert Hall Orchestra, Conducted by Sir Landon Ronald.
1st Movement—Allegro con brio.
2nd Movement—Andante con moto.
3rd Movement—Allegro (Scherzo).
4th Movement—Allegro (Finale).
8.39 p.m.—Studies, Op.10 (Chopin), played by Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano-forte).
No. 11 in E Flat Major.
No. 12 in C Minor.
No. 10 in A Flat Major.
No. 9 in F Minor.
No. 5 in Flat Major.
No. 6 in E Flat Minor.
No. 8 in F Major.
No. 4 in C Sharp Minor.
8.56 p.m.—Leslie Hutchinson.
Maybe I'm wrong again.
I nearly let love go slipping through my fingers.

Would you?
Kiss me good-night.
9.10 p.m.—London—News and Announcements.
9.30 p.m.—Musical Comedy.
"Bitter Sweet" (Noel Coward)—
I'll see you again, Dear Little Cafe....Peggy Wood and George Metaxa (Duet).
Zigeuner.....Peggy Wood.
If love were all....Ivy St. Helier.
"The Dubarry" (Millocker)—
If I am dreaming....Heddie Nash (Tenor).
"The Vagabond King" (Friml)—
Huguette.
Love for sale....Norah Blancy (Soprano).
9.55 p.m.—Variety & Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—
Breakin' in a pair of shoes,
Swing, Mister Charlie....The Krakajax.
Vocal—
You were so charming.
I'm your slave....Charles (Gerry) Fitzgerald.
Fox-Trots—
Soon.
It's easy to remember.....Guy Lombardo & His Royal Canadians.
10.15 p.m.—London—Big Ben.
Humorous—
Whoa, Josephine,
There's no one with endurance....
Frank Crumit.
Tango—
Echos du Passe.
Waltz—Although....Jean Tapponnier's Ballroom Orchestra.
Vocal—
Three Wishes,
Let me give my happiness to you
Jessie Matthews.
Humorous Sketch—
The Cure (Hiccoughs)....Cicely Courtneidge & Jack Hulbert.
Fox-Trots—
I'm in love all over again,
That's what you think....Will Osborne & his Orchestra.
Vocal—
Stardust covered bundle,
She's the wealthiest woman on earth....Kitty Masters.
Waltz—
It's a sin to tell a lie.
Fox-Trot—
A rendezvous with a dream....Shep Fields & His Rippling Rhythm Orchestra.
11 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

A Bidding Problem

My correspondent commented about the hand described to-day as follows: "This hand is, I believe, merely a bidding problem, the argument being confined to the North-South players. Each blamed the other for reaching a minor suit game rather than four spades, which (although it could not have been made because of a bad spade break) obviously was the logical contract. Since the correct four spade contract also would have failed the discussion is, of course, merely academic.

South, dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
S A 10 2
H 9 7 6
D K 9 8 5
C Q J 10
WEST
S K J 9 7
H Q J 10
D 4 2
C 9 8 7 3
EAST
S 6
H 8 5 4 3 2
D Q 10
C A K 5 4 2
SOUTH
S Q 8 5 4 3
H A K
D A J 7 6 3
C 6

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 spade	Pass	1 no trump	Pass
2 diamonds	Pass	4 diamonds	Pass
5 diamonds	Pass	Pass	Pass

"There was nothing to the play. South went down one trick, losing a club and two spade tricks. Although four tricks would have been lost at spades, every one agreed that four spades was the correct contract. South claims that he bid the hand perfectly, and that North was at fault for never showing any spade assistance. North claims that South could have rebid his spades over four diamonds to show a five card suit, and that then he (North) would have allowed the four spade bid to stand."

North's bidding was bad throughout. South's bidding was flawless. North's first response was wrong.

His hand was too strong for the non-committal no trump. Since it was not strong enough for two no trump he should have used the compromise bid of two spades, and then South should have jumped to four spades, not even showing the diamond suit. But even after North's initial error he had the chance to make amends by showing his spade support on the second round instead of raising the diamond so strongly. South was eminently correct in not rebidding his miserable five card suit.

The argument over the correct contract is not merely academic, as all the players seemed to think it was. Apparently it was taken for granted that South had to lose three spade tricks against the adverse break he found, but such was not the case. The proper play would be as follows:

South should win the opening lead, presumably a heart, and lead the three of spades to dummy's ace. Then, as insurance against the worst conceivable spade break [both defenders having followed to the first trick], South should return to his hand with a diamond and lead a low spade toward dummy's ten-deuce. If the spades broke, or if East had all the rest, almost any method of playing the suit would result in only two spade losers. But the method suggested also was proof against the bad lay actually encountered.

This is one of the rarest and least known types of safety plays and, since South was not playing at a spade contract, it never will be known whether he would have brought it off. The only fine, therefore, must be assessed against North for his bad bidding. A fair assessment is class C, serious error materially affecting the result.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: Partner opened the bidding with one diamond. Next hand passed. I held:

S Q J 10 9 6 4 2. H 8 5. D K 6 3. C 4

What is my proper response?

Answer: Three spades.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Mr. Deeds Goes To Town," with Gary Cooper and Jean Arthur. One of the biggest laugh riots in tears, the film shows Gary as the country boy who inherits a fortune and shows the big city that he is smarter than he looks.

AT THE KING'S—"Mary Stevens, M.D."—Kay Francis as an unwed doctor decides to have a child—Lyle Talbot, Glenda Farrell and George Cooper.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"The Bride Walks Out," with Gene Raymond, Ned Sparks, Robert Young and Helen Broderick. The sparkling comedy-drama of two headstrong lovers who tried to settle down before they settled up.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Time Out For Romance," with Claire Trevor, Michael Whalen, Joan Davis, and Douglas Fowley. A Fox production which traces the exciting and hilarious adventures of a cross-country caravan.

AT THE STAR—"College Holiday," with several of the screen's outstanding comedians supporting George Burns, Gracie Allen, Mary Boland and Martha Raye, who go through their paces in one continuous howl of laughter.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"The Naughty Marietta," with Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy, Frank Morgan and Cecilia Parker. The classic operetta in which Jeanette and Nelson Eddy give outstanding performances.

NEXT CHANGE

QUEEN'S, ALHAMBRA AND STAR—"Waikiki Wedding"—A gay, glamorous romantic musical from the land of hula hula, with Bing Crosby, Bob Burns, Martha Raye, Shirley Ross and George Barbier.

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"Tiger Shark"—With Edward G. Robinson.



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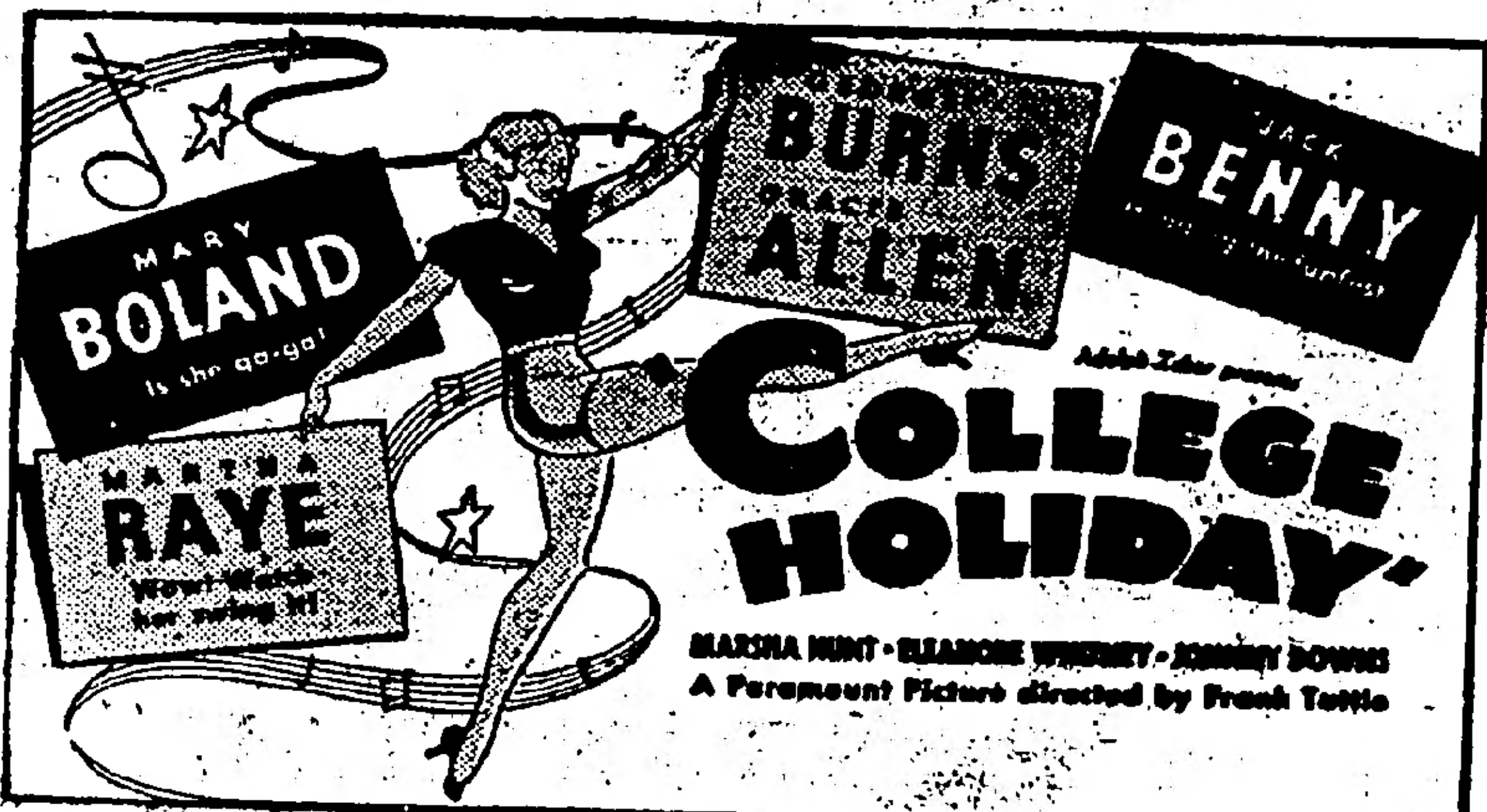
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R.A.F. PLANS FOR HENDON DISPLAY

London, To-day.

Final arrangements for the Royal Air Force Coronation display at Hendon on Saturday week have not been completed and the extent of the advance booking indicate that there may be a record attendance.

The King, who is a Marshal of the Royal Air Force, will be present.

Members of the British and Dominion Governments, the whole of the Diplomatic Corps and many important Service delegations from foreign countries will be amongst others attending.

The number of aircraft taking part will be greater than ever, nearly 500 being engaged as compared with the previous maximum of about 200.

NEW PLANES

Another feature of this display will be the new types of aeroplanes recently supplied to Service squadrons. Amongst them are the Bristol Blenheim medium-bomber with a top speed of about 280 miles an hour at a height of 14,000 feet.

This is the fastest bomber in the Royal Air Force and in service use in the world.

The Blenheim Squadron will take part in a set piece.

The principal new heavy bomber in service will be the Handley Page Harrow which will be seen among the squadrons allotted to the Coronation mass formation of 250 aircraft. It has a top speed of 190 miles an hour and carries a much heavier load than the medium bomber class.

This flying programme occupies 5½ hours during which the sky will never be empty.

STRIKING DISPLAY

There will be low bombing and dive bombing attacks, aerobatics by single aircraft, by flights and by squadrons, demonstrations of army co-operation duties, and the use of "smoke," and, as a grand final, a thrilling set piece illustrating the methods of attacking and defending a port primarily used for the distribution of food supplies in war—a matter of vital interest to the British public.—British Wireless.

NEW YORK-BERMUDA AIR SERVICE

London, To-day.

The Imperial Airways flyingboat Cavalier was scheduled to leave Bermuda yesterday on the first flight of the regular Bermuda-New York service and on Friday the first scheduled flight will be effected from New York to Bermuda by the American Bermuda Clipper.

The time for the 770 miles from Bermuda to New York will be 5½ hours.—British Wireless.

Body In Harbour

The body of an unknown Chinese woman, aged about 30, was found floating near the Tai Kok-tui pier yesterday and removed to the Kowloon Mortuary. There were no suspicious circumstances but the report states that the woman had been apparently bitten by a fish.

Ten Miles At 225 Miles An Hour

Berlin, To-day.

A new world record is claimed by the German motorist, Berndt Rosemayer.

Driving a streamlined Auto-Union car, he covered ten miles with a flying start at an average speed of 360.27 kilometres an hour, equivalent to 225.15 miles an hour.—Reuter.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. R. C. LAW

Collapse On Glasgow Station

The death occurred yesterday at Glasgow Railway Station of Mr. R. C. Law, formerly of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire Ltd., who collapsed from a heart attack.

The late Mr. Law joined the firm in 1924, but served most of his time in Shanghai and in Swatow, later coming to the Colony, from which he departed in 1933.

CHIEF OF GERMAN GENERAL STAFF VISITING PARIS

To Meet General Gamelin

Paris, To-day.

General Beck, Chief of the German General Staff, arrived here yesterday, and was received at the station by members of the German Embassy, with a whole battery of cameras taking him under fire.

At a luncheon given by the German Ambassador in his honour, the General will meet General Gamelin, French Chief of Staff, and other high French officers. Before returning, he will pay a visit to the battlefields near Nancy.

The visit of General Beck is taken to be a sign of great improvement in the European situation, especially in view of its preparatory character to Baron von Neurath's visit to London.—Trans-Ocean.

LATVIAN MINISTER

Wooed Unsuccessfully By Litvinoff

Moscow, To-day.

A speech made by M. Litvinoff, Soviet Foreign Commissar, at a dinner in honour of the Latvian Foreign Minister, M. Munters, has caused great interest in diplomatic circles here.

M. Litvinoff referred to Latvia's geographical position and stated that it was such as to make Soviet Russia particularly interested in the maintenance of Latvia's complete independence, which was to be regarded in the light of collective security.

In his reply, M. Munters, gave it to be understood that Latvia had no intention of entering into a regional pact.

Latvia, he said, was a strong supporter of the League of Nations, but was in the happy position to buttress its foreign policy by concluding bilateral pacts with other countries.—Trans-Ocean.

VON NEURATH'S MISSION IN LONDON: ITALY FEARING SUDDEN CHANGE OF POLICY?

Berlin, To-day.

It is authoritatively stated here that the German Ambassador in London has informed the chairman of the non-intervention committee that the German Government will resume co-operation with the committee as well as in the task of international control of the Spanish coasts.

It is also stated that a similar announcement has been made by the Italian Ambassador in London.

Political circles here stress that the conditions stipulated by Germany for her re-entry into the non-intervention committee have been fulfilled but that the date on which she will resume active co-operation has not yet been definitely fixed.

WESTERN PACT

It is generally held here that the return of Germany and Italy to the non-intervention committee has primarily been made possible by the absence of the Soviet from the London deliberations.

There is a natural tendency to connect the four-Power agreement with the forthcoming visit to London of the German Foreign Minister, Baron von Neurath.

A great deal, says a Berlin journal, will depend on the inferences Britain will draw from the recent negotiations, seeing that a speedy solution of the problem and the question of a new Western Pact would be in line with her own interests, which are involved to a high degree in both these regions.

Added to this, Britain has to give an answer to the Dominions in the matter of extending her Continental commitments.

BRITAIN'S INITIATIVE

In view of the fact that Britain has taken the lead in tackling the Spanish problem as well as in deliberating with respect to a Western Pact, it may be supposed that the experiences she has gained in dealing with the Spanish problem will be made use of in tackling the problem of a Western Pact.

Britain, however, is one of the Powers that have enabled the Soviet to play a role on the European stage behind the mask of collective security on the superficial assumption of Soviet alliances being in line with the Locarno policy.

The paper, therefore, expresses the hope that the latest events in Russia will open British eyes to the sinister role played by the Soviet in European affairs, and will induce Britain to delay no longer in reaching a constructive solution for Western Europe.—Trans-Ocean.

BRITISH ATTITUDE

London, To-day.

The necessity for personal conversations between British and

China Protest Ignored

Nanking, To-day.

The Japanese Charge d'Affaires at Nanking has not yet replied to the Chinese protest against the Tientsin-Tokyo air mail service.—Our Own Correspondent.

German statesmen is emphasised in political circles, which point out that frequent opportunities are provided for exchanges of views between British statesmen and their French colleagues.

This opinion was stated in connection with the interest aroused here over the forthcoming visit to London of the German Foreign Minister, Baron von Neurath.

All the British newspapers comment on the visit.

The "Daily Telegraph" recalls that it is eighteen months since Baron von Neurath was last in London, when he attended the funeral of King George V as German representative.

The journal says that the fact that Baron von Neurath has just returned from a journey to Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Hungary, increases the interest with which British political circles look forward to his impending visit to London.

"TIMES" VIEW

"The Times" writes that British Government quarters believe that personal discussions with the German Foreign Minister concerning Spain could be of the greatest value, all the more so as the cause of non-intervention has vastly profited from similar discussions between Mr. Anthony Eden and French statesmen.

Messages from Rome reveal that great interest has been stirred up there by Baron von Neurath's visit, though the newspapers state that it will not affect the Rome-Berlin axis.

Announcement of the visit, however, has helped to ease the tension between London and Rome.

ITALIAN VIEW

The "Giornale d'Italia" says that any sudden change in German foreign policy is out of the question as Italy is tied down to those clearly defined general principles which for the foremost part have found expression in the Rome-Berlin axis.

Whilst admitting that the impending Anglo-German talks are important enough to deserve the fullest attention, it would be ignoring the facts, says the semi-official journal, to conclude that they will bring about a new phase in European politics.

After referring to the manifold problems that form a bone of contention between Germany and Britain, the paper says that there are other problems as well, for instance the question of colonial claims, of which the British Government is seeking to fight shy.—Trans-Ocean.

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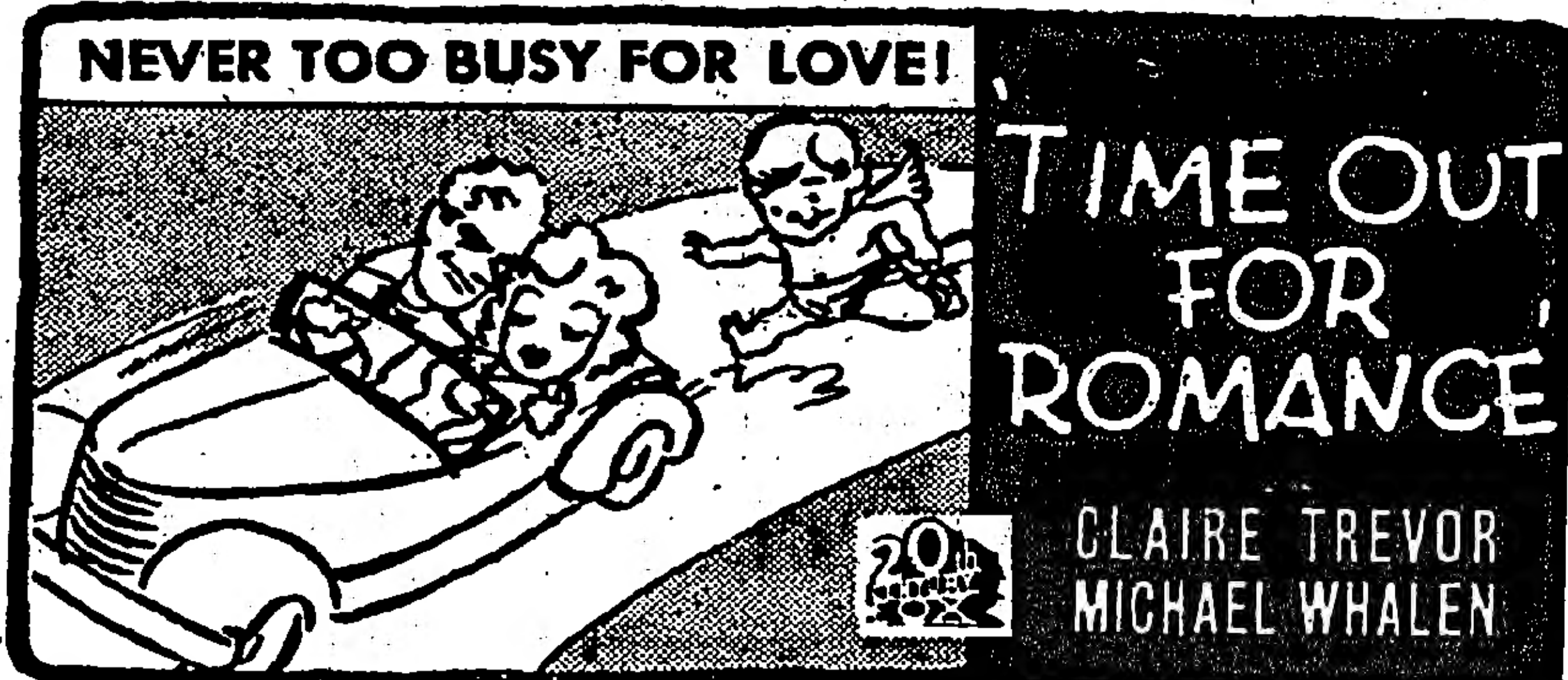
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CONCESSIONS BY BLUM TO COMMUNISTS ALLEGED

Paris, To-day.
 The fact that M. Leon Blum promised the Communists that workers' wages would be raised in just proportion to the increase in indirect taxation, was the main factor in saving the Popular Front Government from defeat in yesterday's financial debate in the Chamber of Deputies.

This is the opinion of political circles, which also allege that M. Blum may have made certain political concessions to the Communists with regard to the Spanish conflict.

Negotiations are now pending, according to well-informed quarters here, between the Second and Third Communist Internationales and the French Confederation of Labour, with a view to forming a solid pro-Spanish Republican bloc, as desired by the Communists.

SUSPICIONS
 Although it appears uncertain whether or to what extent these plans are supported by the French Government, where Socialist influence predominates, or whether the French Government has actually given binding assurance to the Communists, it is pointed out that the Communists' sudden change of front in the financial debates permits the suspicion that they have obtained concessions from the Government.—Trans-Ocean.

DR. ESSER'S UNIQUE FREE STATE OF MEDICINE ON GREEK AEGEAN ISLAND

ATHENS, TO-DAY.

AN EXPERIMENT UNIQUE IN MEDICAL HISTORY HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY THE GRANT OF THE ISLAND OF KYRA PANAGHIA, IN THE AEGEAN SEA, TO DR. ESSER, FOUNDER OF THE "ESSER DE CHIRURGIE STRUCTIVE."

H.K. TRAFFIC IN HEROIN

Three Sent To Prison For Four Years

Four years' hard labour was imposed on each of three Chinese, Ma Ming, 22 travelling trader, Fan Kam-sang, 19, unemployed, and Wong Chiu-tsai, 16, unemployed, by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning for possession of 256,600 heroin pills.

The first accused admitted the offence, but the second and third defendants pleaded not guilty.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, and stated that the accused were arrested on the first floor of No. 67, Connaught Road West on April 28, when Senior Revenue Officer A. W. Grimmit, Mr. H. A. Taylor and a Chinese Revenue Officer visited the premises and found the pills in the flat.

At the lower court the first defendant said that he was a travelling trader and had lived on the floor for five or six days. The second said that he came from Swatow to look for work and was staying temporarily on the premises. The third stated that he came to look for a cook named Chuk Chui Tak, who was out, so he waited for him and was arrested later.

The jury, Messrs. D. W. Hume (Foreman), Paul Lee, Jack Lopp, Yuen Kam-fai, W. Muir, Lo Koon-ming and Lok Yuk-kuen, retired for about 10 minutes and returned a verdict, unanimously, of guilty in regard to the second and third prisoners.

SWATOW INCIDENT NEGOTIATIONS

No Details Of Canton Official Talks

Canton, To-day.

Mr. T. Nakamura, Japanese Consul-General in Shameen, after calling on Mr. Wu Te-chen, the Governor, yesterday morning for an informal exchange of views on the Swatow incident, will call on General Yu Han-mau, Pacification Commissioner for Kwangtung, this morning. No details of yesterday's talk have been disclosed. — Our Own Correspondent.

The island will become a Free State of Medicine, for the purpose of international restorative surgery.

King George of Greece gave Dr. Essen liberty to choose one of the 392 islands of the archipelago, and the one he has chosen is 80 square kilometres in extent.

Here Dr. Esser plans to erect an independent, neutral, international medical free state. He maintains that it must be an independent state, as only then can necessary negotiations with various Governments be carried out successfully. In peace as well as during war, this State will afford hospitality to the disabled of all nations, and efforts will be undertaken to restore them to full capacity.

The most prominent physicians of all nations will be asked to co-operate and will form the administration of the Free State. As soon as jurists have found a legal basis for an effective neutrality and independence, the constructions of hospitals and the necessary houses will commence.—Trans-Ocean.

SUN RAYS FOR MINERS

Interesting German Experiment

Berlin, To-day.

Artificial alpine sun ray treatment for miners will shortly be introduced in German mines on the initiative of the German Labour Front authorities.

The authorities consider it of vital importance that workers who are thus exposed to the heavy strain of underground work should be kept healthy and fit for carrying out their arduous task.

The ray treatment will be administered in passages 30 metres long through which the miners will pass on their way from shower baths to the dressing room.

The first experimental plants will be installed in the Ruhr and Upper Silesian coal basins.—Trans-Ocean.

Marshal Bluecher Returns East

Moscow, To-day.

Marshal Voroshilov, People's Commissar for War, has appointed the Army Commissar Peter Alexadrovitch Smirnov, Chief of the Political Administration of the Red Army. This post was, it will be recalled, previously held by General Gamar-nik, who committed suicide shortly after his arrest before the recent "Generals' Trial."

The Soviet Government has confirmed the appointment of Corps Commanders Velikans and Julik as army commanders of second rank, as well as the appointment of Army Corps Commander Bersin as Army Commissar of second rank.

It is asserted that Marshal Bluecher-Galin has left Moscow to resume his command in the Far East.—Trans-Ocean.

ENCIRCLEMENT OF BILBAO

Insurgent Forces Still Unable To Occupy City

BOMBING ATTACKS CONTINUE

Paris, To-day.

Although insurgent headquarters claim that a drive along the seacoast has enabled the encirclement of Bilbao, Franco's forces have been unable to occupy the city.

Machine-gun nests in houses have inflicted heavy losses on attackers, and though it is claimed that the Basques have been demoralised, their resistance has not yet been abandoned.

San Sebastian, To-day.

General Franco's troops continued what insurgent headquarters believe to be the final stage of the investment of Bilbao yesterday.

Operations mainly took place in the coastal sector, where the rebels took the village of Sepelana and Guecho.

Rebel planes again bombed and machine-gunned Bilbao and the road to Santander, in an effort to break up troop movements.

Yesterday afternoon a number of refugees from Bilbao came through the insurgent lines to Plencia.

From accounts given by the refugees of conditions in Bilbao, it seems that the fall of the "iron ring" has undermined the morale and discipline of the Basque militia.

CHURCH SET ON FIRE

In Las Arenas, a seaside resort near Bilbao, the Church of Santa Marina was set on fire by a mob early yesterday morning.

A number of hostages held by the Basques in Bilbao have been transferred to Santander.

It is reliably stated here that the insurgents captured a yacht yesterday morning in which several Basque commanders were endeavouring to escape to France.

From Paris, it is reported that the wife of President Aguirre, accompanied by her sister, arrived at Bayonne yesterday.

ARAGON FRONT

A communique issued in Valencia says that the Republicans have taken the offensive on the Aragon front, where the insurgent positions at Santa Quiterua, south-east of Saragossa, have fallen.

Many prisoners and much war material are said to have been captured.—Trans-Ocean.

FRENCH CONSUL SAFE

Paris, To-day.

The French Consul at Bilbao arrived at St. Jean de Luz on board a French destroyer yesterday.

He said that the damage done by the insurgent bombardment in the streets of Bilbao was very slight.—Trans-Ocean.

CITY ENCIRCLED

Insurgents Reach South Of Nervion

Salamanca, To-day.

With the reaching of the mouth of the river Nervion by Nationalist troops yesterday, Bilbao is completely encircled. Dos Caminos, a suburb of Bilbao, and the villages of San Miguel, de Bassauri and Bedia were occupied.

Owing to the general disorder prevailing in Bilbao, several persons who had been imprisoned, managed to escape and reach General Franco's lines.

The Nationalist fleet captured a tanker outside the harbour, and brought it to the harbour of Passajes.

It had several hundred persons, women, children and invalids on board.

From St. Jean de Luz it is reported that a motorboat arrived here with six high officials of the Bilbao Government, including the Harbour Master, on board. They are seeking refuge in France.—Trans-Ocean.

CONFERENCE IN PARIS

Of Second And Third Internationales

Moscow, To-day.

M. Dimitroff, leader of the Comintern, has summoned a conference of representatives of the Second and Third International in Paris, which will sit on June 19th. It is stated that the Conference will issue a manifesto to all Proletariats of the world to make utmost efforts in support of the Government in Spain.

It is stated that de Broucker, the leader of the Second International, will attend the conference and that a delegation of the Third International will be headed by the Secretary-General of the French Communist Party, Thorez.—Trans-Ocean.

Lansbury To Meet Mussolini

A message from London says that Mr. George Lansbury, prominent labour M. P. who met Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler this spring, announced on Monday that he will meet Premier Benito Mussolini this summer to discuss the problems of peace and war.

Buying A Bridge With Onions!

Cairo, To-day.

The Egyptian Government intends, it is learned, to pay for a bridge over the Nile ordered by Krupp in Essen, to cost £145,572, not in cash, but up to the sum of £35,000 in onions.

A similar deal was made with the Reich in 1935, when Egypt purchased an Embassy building in Berlin and paid for it with onions.—Trans-Ocean.

Franco Condemns Phalangists

"Purge" Fever Reaches Spain

St. Jean de Luz, To-day.

Senor Hedilla, leader of the Spanish insurgent Phalangists, or Fascists, together with phalangist leaders in the Biscaye, Salamanca, Burgos and Toledo districts, are reported to have been sentenced to death.

The sentence, which was passed by the insurgent War Council for conspiring against the safety of the State, is expected to be commuted by General Franco to hard labour for life.

The trial clarifies the position within the insurgent camp, in which the Phalangists' social and political ideals are considered too revolutionary.—Reuter.

GERMANY'S RETURN TO NON-INTERVENTION COMMITTEE

London, To-day

The Italo-German decision to return to the non-intervention committee was taken in advance of receipt of the assurances sought from the two sides in Spain.

This was pointed out by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, in the House of Commons yesterday.

"The Government," he said, "are not satisfied with the working of the non-intervention scheme regarding traffic in aeroplanes."

INTERESTS OF PEACE

At the same time the scheme was part of the general European agreement in the interests of peace and the House would wish to consider very carefully before taking action which might imperil it.

It was perfectly true, he concluded, that there were large numbers of foreign aeroplanes on both sides.—Reuter.

Amelia Leaves For Calcutta

Karachi, To-day.

Continuing her East to West round-the-world flight, Amelia Earhart (Mrs. Putnam) took off for Calcutta at 7.25 (local time) this morning.—Reuter.

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SHANGHAI MAY
BE ADMITTING
WOMEN TO CLUB
MEMBERSHIP BUT
LONDON HAS
STARTED A

CLUB FOR MARRIED COUPLES

THOSE who are pessimistic about the future of marriage ought to be somewhat reassured by the announcement that a Married Couples' Club is about to be opened in London. (Never before, I imagine, in the history of the world could the formation of such a club have been even contemplated.)

During the nineteenth century the typical club flourished as man's sanctuary from home life. He was an ardent believer in home life, and was never tired of denouncing the Socialists who threatened to undermine it; but he had frequently had enough of it by the time breakfast was over and began to hanker after a padded arm-chair and a newspaper in a club window.

Home, with a large family, was a noisier place in the nineteenth century than it is nowadays, and wives were probably more exclusively domestic in their interests. Man, however, is a lover of peace, and only a partially domesticated animal. Consequently, he invented the club as a haven of refuge — a somnolent and sacred precinct into which no woman or child dared enter.

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Possibly, henpecked husbands were commoner in the Victorian age. They were certainly the theme of hundreds of music-hall songs; and, if these songs were at all true to life, it is not to be wondered at that the male Victorians formed themselves into clubs where they could feel for the time being that they were the superior sex, since there was no one of the opposite sex present to contradict them.

Even a husband of so resilient a temperament as Mr. Micawber, with his wife constantly protesting her devotion and his far from silent progeny, must sometimes have dreamed longingly of snoozing in an armchair, temporarily wifeless and childless, among the bishops in the Athenaeum.

To-day, however, home life is much less overwhelming than it used to be. The sexes are more equal. Man is no longer downtrodden, and woman is no longer voteless. The modern man's complaint is, not that he has to see so much of his family, but that he is able to see so little of it. I know a man who is constantly deploping the fact that owing to golf he has scarcely any time to spend with his wife and children during week-ends. That, I think, is evidence of the increase of conjugal and family feeling in modern times.

And still stronger evidence, it seems to me, is to be found in the institution of the Married Couples' Club. The nineteenth century gave birth to a Bachelors' Club. It is only in the freer atmosphere of the twentieth century that the Married Couples' Club has become possible.

Even the first nineteenth-century women's club the Alexandria, was strongly unisexual and anti-marital in its principles. The Prince of Wales himself was refused admission on one occasion, and, if the husbands of members called, they had to wait for their wives outside.

The opening of clubs to people of both sexes is, of course, no new thing. There are already clubs in existence which are scarcely distinguishable from restaurants. The club of the future, I imagine, will become less and less distinguishable from a restaurant. Most men nowadays seem to prefer restaurants to clubs. They are more expensive,

and this somehow makes everything seem more cheerful.

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Probably, however, the old form of club, even if it becomes rarer, will still persist, since birds of a feather cannot help flocking together. Nothing short of a Communist revolution, I am sure, will ever prise elderly Conservatives out of their armchairs — the only place from which it is possible to watch in real comfort a world that is steadily going to the dogs.

I have myself, so far as I can remember, never belonged to a club. Most clubs seem to be at

their liveliest at lunch-time, and I cannot easily accommodate myself to liveliness at lunch-time. The thought of the afternoon's work to come makes it impossible to concentrate on food and conversation, or, what is perhaps still more desirable, to concentrate on food alone. This is what the typical clubman of the old days was apparently able to do. A member of a club in pre-war days declared that in one London club he had counted 11 out of 14 members "reading newspapers at lunch instead of talking to their neighbours." "At an ordinary club," he wrote, "there is a fatal proneness to eat under the cover of a newspaper or a novel."

There are clubs, I know, at which the food is so good that a man with a nice taste in gormandising might well wish not to be distracted by conversation and pretend to read a newspaper in order to protect himself from it. But one o'clock in the day is too early for gormandising, except for the idle rich.

I think it is unreasonable indeed, to expect a man to become "clubbable" before sunset, when every day becomes for a few hours a holiday. Breakfast and lunch are meals that should brace a man for the day's work; only at the dinner-table, Adam's curse being temporarily suspended, should he allow himself to relax.

Not that I feel particularly "clubbable" at dinner-time — not, at least, when the dinner is organised by a dining-club. Most dining-clubs, so far as my experience goes, are indifferent to good food but have an enormous appetite for bad speeches. And, to my mind, no collection of human beings in which speeches are delivered at the dinner-table ought to be allowed to call itself a club. A club at which speech-making is permitted becomes merely a public meeting in a restaurant.

The truth is, I suppose, that I have not the temperament either of the clubman or of the dining-club man. As a club-man I am disqualified by my incapacity for enjoying the company of my fellow-mortals in the middle of the day; as a dining-clubman I am disqualified by my incapacity for enjoying their speeches in the evening.

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Yet I like the idea of clubs. I like to see men smoking cigars in armchairs and looking, as they talk, as if they were members of the Three-hours-for-lunch Club. There is a Lotus-land in which I shall never dwell, but which I shall always regard with envy.

May the Married Couples Club continue the fine tradition! And may it be followed by the Parents' and Children's Club, where the modern parent may have an occasional chance of meeting the junior members of the family!

THE WORLD GOES BY By "ULYSSES"

PRESS photographers, who are responsible for those pictures of lovely ladies bathing at Repulse Bay, will be interested to learn that I have now a special troupe of bathing girls who, for a fee, will be willing to perform all those antics which bathing girls have never yet been known to do without being egged on by a cameraman.

For instance: On the command, "One!" my girls will cluster prettily round any old fisherman who is handy. They will be absorbed in the art of mending a fishing net, an accomplishment which they do not want to learn, could not learn, and which would be entirely useless to them if they did learn it.

On the command, "Two!" they will play leap-frog. (This always makes a jolly picture).

On the command "Three!" the girl Maisie (a red-head) will climb up the hill behind Repulse Bay Hotel, and, with one hand shading her eyes from a non-existent sun, will scan the horizon, though what she is looking for neither she nor anyone else will ever know.

On the command "Four!" she will raise one arm above her head, allowing a scarf to wave in the breeze. (The other hand should be grasping the collar of a giant mastiff, but I do not possess a mastiff).

On the command "Five!" the girl Rosie (a brunette) will run to the water's edge and daintily test the water with her toe. (A very popular picture, this!).

Finally, on the command "Six!" my silly mums of girls, blondes, brunettes and red-heads, are guaranteed to sit down upon the sands and go through the actions of sun-bathing.

This Rustic Existence

I think I have often moaned in this column of the impossibility of living a monastic life far from the madding crowd. I apologise. It is not impossible. I will go so far as to say it is possible right on our door-step, so to speak. This paradise is Cheung Chau, where rustics rusticate, hermits hermit and idlers idle. It must be so, to judge from the news letters that reach this office from the island after weeks of travelling by runner, pigeon post etc. Cause for a binge on Cheung Chau is provided, apparently, by the passing near the island of a tug towing two barges. This rouses the whole population from their slumbers. Led by the oldest inhabitant they—that is five ancients, two children and a dog—rush down to the beach and go delirious with excitement at this sign of life in the outside world.

Recently, it seems the island has been put on the map by reason of a very mild crime wave. Houses have been entered by burglars and Cheung Chau is thus experiencing one of the benefits of civilisation. So far as I know, however, Scotland Yard are not perturbed, and the Hong Kong Police are altogether nonchalant. Our crime reporter positively hopped about the office when told of the affair and talks of spending his holiday on the island in an endeavour to track down the miscreants. Truly, Cheung Chau seems every inch as exciting as Shameen, where the only sounds that break the silence are cries of "Boy" and the gurgling sound of liquids being poured out of a bottle. Truly an exhausting and nerve-racking life.

My Motto for To-day: "It's kind to swindle people a little bit — it gets 'em ready for the big twisters who may come their way later on!" —Socrates (I think).

CANTON LAUNCH EXPLOSION

Sixteen Killed And Ten Injured ABSENCE OF SAFETY VALVE ALLEGED

Preliminary investigation into the launch disaster on the Saiking River, near Canton, on Monday, reveals that cause of the boiler explosion, which it is now revealed killed 16 and seriously injured 10, was the fact that the boiler was not equipped with automatic safety valves.

It is alleged that pressure in the boiler was raised, since the launch was towing six junks, the weight being far too much for her low power, which was increased beyond the safety point.

Seven missing, 10 seriously injured, is the latest report of the Canton "Dojima" disaster, which occurred on Monday, when the steam launch "Sun Kwang Wing," which was towing six river junks crowded with over 200 pilgrims who were proceeding to Canton from Chung Shan to observe the Festival of the Dragon's Mother, exploded near Canton on the Saiking River.

One body, mutilated beyond recognition, was recovered from the wreck of the ill-fated launch yesterday, and another was found floating near the bank, also terribly mutilated. The former is believed to be that of the vessel's master, Tam Fo.

LIMBS RECOVERED

During the past few days, many human limbs, which were blown off from their bodies by the explosion, were seen floating on the surface of the water. These were, however, collected by the members of the Fong Bin First Aid Station, of Chukiang, and buried. A search is still being made for the rest of the seven bodies.

The Canton Marine Department have not yet received an official report of the accident, but immediately after being informed of the disaster, despatched engineering experts from the Second Bureau of the Department to investigate.

According to these experts, who were headed by Mr. Wong Sun-yuen, the explosion was probably due to increased pressure in the boiler brought by the strain of towing the six river junks, which were far too heavy a load for the 54-horsepower launch.

It is also believed that the boiler was not constructed with automatic safety valves, which would automatically let out any excessive steam.

Celebrating Fourth On Fifth

The American Community are celebrating the Fourth of July on the Fifth this year, as the Fourth falls on a Sunday. A reception is to be held at the American Club at which the U.S. Consul-General will receive the guests.

DOMINION DAY DANCE

A Dominion Day Supper Dance is to be held by the Canadian Chinese Club at the Peninsula Hotel Roof Garden on Thursday, July 1, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Proceeds of the Dance will be donated to charity.

CHINA'S CAMPAIGN AGAINST HEROIN

GENEVA, TO-DAY.

A REMARKABLE IMPROVEMENT IN THE POSITION REGARDING THE LEGITIMATE MANUFACTURE OF DRUGS, DUE TO THE OPERATIONS OF THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF 1929 AND 1931, IS RECORDED IN THE REPORT OF THE OPIUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Manufacture of morphine and cocaine was little more than in 1921 and diacetyl morphine was only eighteen per cent., which means that there is to-day a close approximation between world needs and legitimate manufacture.

The Report gives details of the results of the Chinese Government's activities in suppressing drug addiction, including the aim to reduce the number of registered smokers by one-fifth annually.

SHANGHAI SUCCESS

The International Settlement at Shanghai reported a notable decrease in 1936 of the clandestine manufacture of heroin among the Chinese population as a consequence of the effective enforcement of the new Chinese regulations in the Settlement.

The same situation prevails in the rest of China.

The Committee Report, however, states that it is notorious that smuggling of opium, and especially of manufactured drugs, by certain foreign nationals, is paralysing the efforts of the Chinese Government.

Nevertheless, the Committee are deeply concerned over the illicit traffic and clandestine manufacture of dangerous drugs in the Far East.

It says that the province of Hopei has become the centre of the world's most extensive manufacture of illicit heroin.—
Reuter.

Jumped From A Train

Chan Yau, of No 66 Sa Po street was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from shock and injuries to his head and hands, sustained when he alighted from a train while it was in motion in Sheung Shui yesterday.



General Voroshiloff photographed with M. Stalin recently. London reports suggest that their relations are becoming increasingly strained.

AMAZING FACTORY REVELATIONS

Osaka Alarmed At Casualty Figures

An amazing revelation that over 71 men out of every 1,000 in large Osaka factories were either killed or injured during last year has been made as the result of extensive investigations by the Osaka Factory Section.

It is stated that exactly 950 men out of 1,000 were on the casualty list at the factory of the Nippon Aen Toko Kaisha (Galvanized Zinc Sheet Co.). Even at the Nippon Seitetsu Kaisha's Osaka Works, a semi-official steel concern, the casualty list indicated 59.16 per cent.

The Osaka prefectural authorities are of the opinion that the excessive labour hours, as well as the lack of safety provisions, are responsible for the sharp increase in the number of casualties.

According to the full report, 16,250 men were involved in accidents at Osaka factories during 1936, resulting in the deaths of 64. Casualties at places where construction work was going on totalled 5,380, inclusive of 66 dead.

A survey of factories employing involved in accidents in dyeing works, 142.8 in machine shops, 49.9 in chemical works, 64.3 in foodstuff works, 19.3 in sundry works and 33 in special factories, each against 1,000. The average was 71.7 against 1,000.

Besides the above two works, the Osaka Aen and the Nippon Seitetsu, the Osaka Steel Sheet Works reported 928 injured and the Chitose Iron Works 842 injured, both against 1,000 employed.

Alarmed over the above revelations, the Osaka prefectural authorities have decided to place all these factories with heavy casualties on the black list, and exercise stricter supervision of safety provisions there.

Another revelation (through the present inquiry is that there has been a sharp increase in the number of sick workers of late. Formerly tuberculosis headed the list, but the principal diseases now are in connection with the stomach. The authorities hold that here again is reflected the effects of night work or surplus labour hours.

Brodsworth Main Colliery, Doncaster, is to extend its new pithead baths to accommodate 3,500 men at a total cost of £28,000.

SQUALL IN HARBOUR

Junk Overturns: One Life Lost

One life is believed to have been lost as the result of a sudden squall this morning about 10 o'clock, when a junk which was being towed by a launch capsized and threw its five occupants into the water. One has not been found.

The boat, 1512 Y, was being towed with a cargo of timber from Cheung Sha-wan to the Japanese pier by a steam launch. She was hit by the squall in the Southern Fairway with such force that she turned over. The crew which consisted of a married couple and their three children were thrown into the water and were rescued by the seamen of a Revenue Department launch and a Harbour Office launch. The youngest, Lai Ah-ho, a girl aged two, was not found and is believed to have been drowned.

Following reorganisation at the International Colliery, Blaengarw, near Bridgend, Glam., 2,000 miners will be employed.

HANDS PUFFED UP WITH RHEUMATISM

Wishes She Had Taken Kruschen Earlier

If only she had taken Kruschen Salts at first, this woman could have saved pounds, and avoided weeks of suffering. She writes:—

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DEATH

YEUNG—On June 16th 1937 at her residence, 47 Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong, Mrs. S. H. Yeung (nee May Au). Funeral service will be held on Friday, June 18th at 3 p.m., at the Chinese Protestant Cemetery Kowloon. (Shanghai papers please copy).

Hong Kong, Thursday, June 17, 1937.

POPULAR FRONT PROVES ITS UNITY

Crisis and triumph are becoming almost weekly occurrences in the life of M. Blum and his Cabinet, and at the end of each test of its mettle, the Popular Front emerges apparently as strong as ever it has been. Yesterday, after a tense debate which lasted until nearly five o'clock in the morning, with the Communists threatening to break away on his demand for a free hand in financial control measures, he obtained a vote of confidence by 346 votes to 247, and the only limitation which he accepted to M. Auriol's original demand for plenary powers concerned the Chamber's natural reluctance to give the Finance Minister carte blanche to the extent that he could devalue the franc without further consultation.

As the Anglo-French-American gold agreement is, in itself, a barrier to devaluation, M. Blum was able to give the necessary assurances without hesitation, and at the same time, secure a handsome majority for the powers which the French Government feels it is essential it should secure unto itself in the present crisis. How severe is the drain on the country's resources in the present unsettled conditions was revealed by M. Auriol, who announced that the attack on the franc had resulted in the withdrawal of over 50,000,000 francs from Paris. Among the measures which it is intended to apply as a corrective, following the sharp increase in the bank rate, are authority for substantially increasing the amount which the Government may borrow from the Bank of France, and a series of additional tax imposts. None of the proposals were popular with any section of the Chamber, and the measure of the vote of confidence is a remarkable tribute to the faith of the deputies in the sincerity of M. Blum's aims. Strength was lent to him, of

course, by the justice of the charge in his final speech, that political intrigues against the Popular Front have been accompanied by financial intrigues. There is ground for more than mere suspicion that powerful financial interests have been actively concerned in the developments which have caused so much embarrassment to the Blum Government.

Nevertheless, it is obvious that M. Blum needs to watch the political situation closely. He has been in power now for over a year and after such a period, French coalitions have a disposition to become uneasy. In the present state both of France and of Europe, it would be a disaster were the Blum Cabinet to fall.

His survival yesterday was, however, a severe test and encourages confidence in long continuation in office. The fact is that M. Blum has done more in thirteen months than most Governments achieve in the same number of years, and his opponents, as well as his supporters know it well.

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Cultural Ties

General Faupel's claim, in addressing the students of Salamanca University, that Germany and Spain have long been related closely through cultural ties, will not pass without comment in circles which ponder whether German and Italian aid to General Franco is altogether altruistic. Whether the statement is true or not, and those well acquainted with both German and Spanish culture will doubtless search their minds for the common ground upon which these cultures have met, the immediate thought upon the speech is almost certain to concern itself with the rumours that Germany will be rewarded in Morocco for her assistance in Spain. It may have been, of course, that General Faupel was merely making the platitudinous speech about common cultures which seems to be the condition when a foreigner attends a University congregation.

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An Old Man Is Sentenced

The sober truth that sometimes issues from the docks in our criminal courts was poignantly illustrated yesterday when an old man, 68 years of age, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment for the possession of heroin pills.

"Being so old, I am useless to the world. It is immaterial to me whether I am guilty nor not."

Nothing the man could have pleaded in mitigation of his offence could have been more eloquent than this simple statement of an undoubted fact, "I am useless to the world." In it is portrayed not only his own personal tragedy, but that of scores nay, thousands of others in this civilisation of ours and in this particular little corner of civilisation, Hong Kong. It followed with a curious aptness upon yesterday's leading article in the "China Mail," concluding: A system which tends to create criminals surely stands itself condemned.

NEW H.K.-EUROPE AIR SERVICE

Agreement With France Believed To Be First Move

SIMON'S SIMPLE TAX ON PROFITS: MASTERPIECE OF BREVITY AND LUCIDITY

London, To-day.
The new Growth of Profits Tax substituting the National Defence contribution, will operate for five years, from April 1, 1937, to March 31, 1942, thus coinciding with the period for which borrowing was authorised under the recent Defence Loans Act.

It will apply to trades and business of all descriptions, including holding companies, but not the professions.

5,000 Killed Or Wounded In Kurd Revolt

Istanbul, To-day.
Details are just available of a serious revolt of Kurdish tribesmen in the Dersim area. The tribal chieftains, according to official documents published yesterday, are opposed to the Government reforms.

The Government has sent 25,000 troops with aircraft against the rebels, who lost over 5,000 killed and wounded. The situation is now completely under control, say the documents. The Government casualties were 13 killed and 18 wounded.—Reuter.

MILL OPERATIVES DEMONSTRATE IN CHANGSHA

Government Plant Lock-Out

Changsha, To-day.
Having refused demands of the workers for better remuneration, Mr. Ngai Sang-tu, manager of the First Provincial Cotton Mill of Hunan, closed the mill yesterday and threw over 3,000 workers idle.

Reply of the mill-workers was to demonstrate in front of Government House the whole day yesterday demanding settlement by the Governor, General Ho Chien. There were no disturbances for they were faced by fully-armed soldiers.

It is reported that the Hunan Government has accepted the resignation of the manager of the mill, and that Mr. Shiu Chang has been appointed to act.—Our Own Correspondent.

The rate will be five per cent. in the case of companies and four per cent. in the case of firms and individuals.

Public utility undertakings will be exempt. Assessments will be made on similar lines as on income tax.

EXEMPT AT £2,000

Profits below £2,000 are exempt and one-fifth abatement is allowed between £2,000 and £12,000. Total yield in a full year is estimated at £25,000,000.

Remission will be granted in necessary cases to enable industrial undertakings to be established in depressed areas.

The new Profits Tax met with a cordial reception in lobby circles, where it has been nicknamed not "Simple Simon's Tax" but "Simon's Simple Tax."

A MASTERPIECE

Members of all parties generally regard the tax as a masterpiece of brevity and lucidity. While severe critics of the original Profits Tax are somewhat mollified.

In a nutshell, the new scheme amounts to a tax on trade and business profits not exceeding 1/- a Pound for a period not exceeding five years.

In order to emphasise its primary object, the new tax will still be known as the National Defence Contribution.—Reuter.

Slight Mishap To Royal Coach

London, To-day.
There was a slight mishap to the Royal coach when the King and Queen arrived at Ascot yesterday. The coach caught the rails as their Majesties went down the course before the races.

Their Majesties were most interested as the rails were cleared after the coach had been backed twice, the King smilingly explaining matters to the Queen.—Reuter.

N.E.I. BUYS U.S. PLANES

Large Orders Given Last Month

Amsterdam, To-day.
The Netherlands East Indies were the biggest buyers of aeroplanes in the American market during May, according to information received here from the State Department in Washington.

A total sum of U. S. \$2,500,000 was spent by the N. E. I., the whole of the expenditure being for aeroplanes.—Trans-Ocean.



SIR JOHN SIMON

British Safety In China

London, To-day.
"No British subjects have been kidnapped or murdered in China in the last twelve months," stated the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, in the House of Commons yesterday.

He added, in replying to a question by Mr. H. Day (Lab. South-west) that "beyond this it is impossible for me to answer the question seeking full details regarding the extent to which the lives and property of Britons have been adversely affected in the course of the year, but all possible efforts have been made to safeguard them."

"I may, however, mention that British subjects in Sian were evacuated successfully in January when that town was threatened by civil war."—Reuter.

BALLILA PARADE BEFORE HITLER

Berlin, To-day.
Young Italy made an appearance in Berlin yesterday afternoon when 300 members of the Ballila paraded on the Wilhelmplatz before Herr Hitler.

Herr Hitler, in an address to the Italian boys, told them that Germany and Italy were faced with the same problems.

They had sought and found a path that led from national impotence to national strength and national justice.

Dominated by the same ideals, they no longer stood isolated in the world.

Above all they were united in the fight against Bolshevism, one of the world's "greatest perils." —Trans-Ocean.

GENERAL BECK NOT VISITING LONDON

Berlin, To-day.
General Beck, Chief of Staff of the German Army, will not, as reported earlier, visit London. General Beck is arriving in Paris to-day, where he will visit the Paris

HANOI PROBABLE MAIN BASE

PARIS, TO-DAY.
AIR FRANCE AND THE GERMAN LUFTHANSA HAVE AGREED TO THE TERMS OF A CONVENTION FOR CLOSE COLLABORATION IN THE FAR EAST, SOUTH ATLANTIC AND NORTH ATLANTIC.

The agreement, which is secret, will be submitted to the respective Governments but it is believed that France has secured advantages due to the fact that the Germans require to fly over French territory.

Hanoi will be the base in the Far East.—Reuter.

Conclusion of the agreement is seen here as confirming recent reports of the desire of Eurasia Aviation Corporation to co-operate with the parent organisation, Lufthansa, in establishing a new air service between China and Europe.

It is understood that the service will operate between Peiping and Berlin, with Hong Kong or Hanoi serving as the junction between the China service and the European service.

The agreement seems to indicate that Hanoi will become the junction, although Hong Kong will become a principle link in the chain.

It was the original design of Eurasia to link China with Berlin by the much shorter route over Russia, which would reduce the distance to be flown by half, but it is felt that in the political situation as it exists to-day there is little chance of securing Soviet authority to fly over Russian territory for some years to come.

SIX-DAY SERVICE

The new scheme envisages the establishment of a service following more or less the route followed by Eurasia pilots when bringing new Junkers planes out from Germany to China to augment their China services. Following this route recently, the Junkers-52, taking things easily throughout, flew from Berlin to Shanghai in nine days.

Under air mail service conditions, the Hong Kong-Berlin section of the route would be covered in not more than six days.

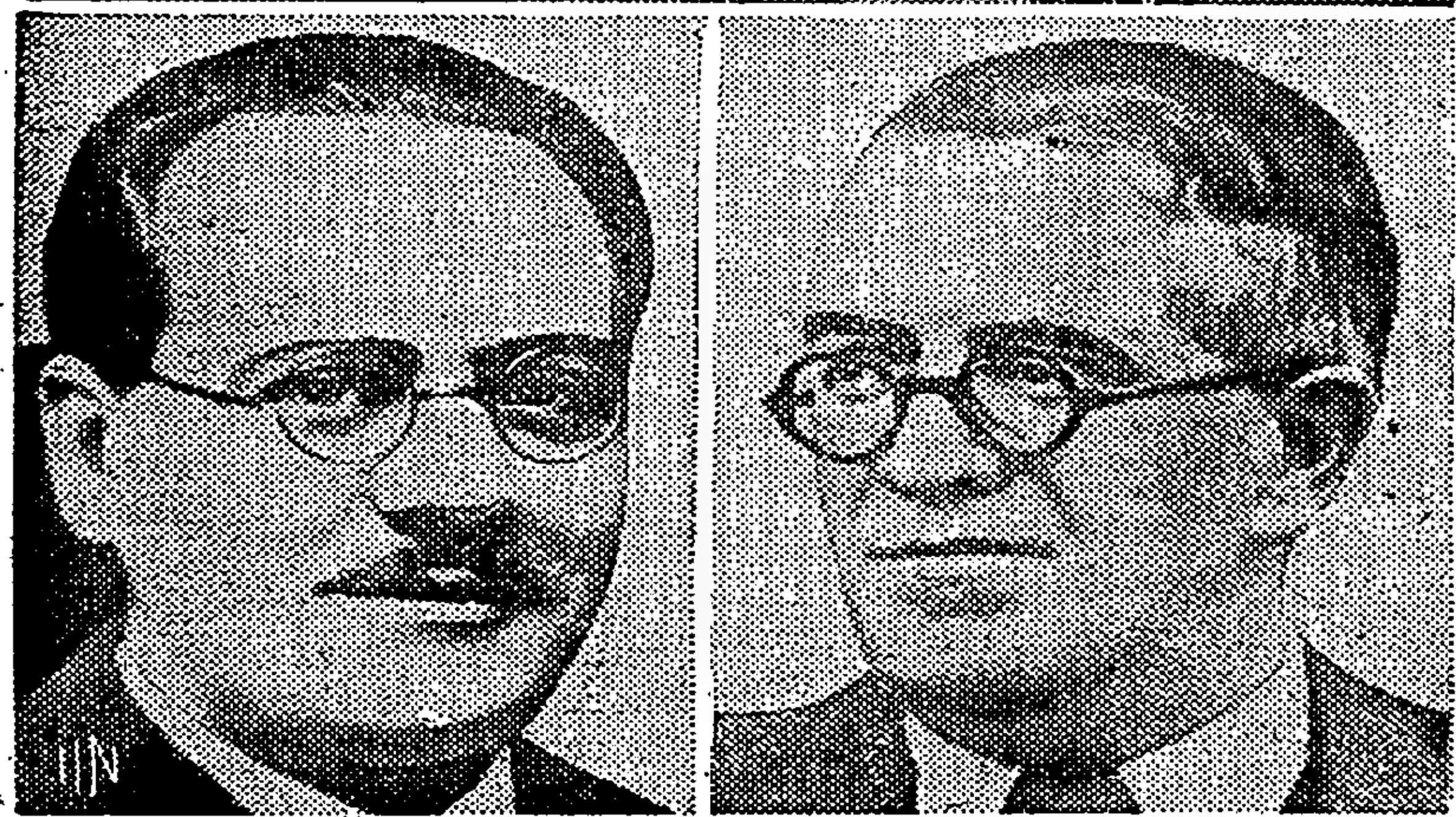
Agreement with the French authorities to use Hanoi was a prerequisite to the formulation of plans for the service, which are expected to proceed more rapidly, though negotiations, which may take some time, will be necessary to secure permission to fly over India and other points en route.

Exhibition and will confer with General Gamelin, the French Chief of Staff.

An official statement says he will return directly to Berlin and will not make a trip to the British capital.—Trans-Ocean.



One of the most exciting adventure films ever produced is "Michael Strogoff," based on the story by Jules Verne. Here is Margot Grahame, the English actress, who plays a leading role. Others in the cast include Akim Tamiroff, who gives a magnificent performance and Anton Walbrook. "Michael Strogoff" is coming to the Queen's soon.



Here are three men who played an important part in the settling of the recent Spanish Government crisis. On top is Indalecio Prieto, Radical Minister of Justice. Lower left is Juan Negrin, former Finance Minister and now currently Prime Minister, and at right is Alvarez del Vayo, former Foreign Minister and now Spanish delegate at Geneva.

ROOSEVELT REVIVAL

Attempt To Bring Back Party To The Fold

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, WITH THE OBJECT OF QUELLING DISSENT IN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, HAS TAKEN THE UNPRECEDENTED MEASURE OF INVITING 400 CONGRESSMEN TO CONFER WITH HIM IN THREE GROUPS ON THE LONELY JEFFERSON ISLAND FOR THREE DAYS, BEGINNING ON JUNE 25.

During the conversations, newspapermen will be barred from any closer approach than Annapolis, fifteen miles away.

The President's action is taken to indicate that Mr. Roosevelt's advisers fear the Democratic Party may divide openly not only over the Supreme Court Bill but over the strikes and social policy generally.

ROBINSON'S S.O.S.

The departure of Vice-President John Garner on six-weeks' "vacation," although Congress has hardly begun to enact the Roosevelt programme, and the reported S.O.S. from Senator Joseph Robinson (Democrat, Arkansas) to the President that he could not hold the rebels at bay any longer unless compromises are made, demonstrate the most serious split between Congress and President since President Hoover's term of office.

The conservative Southern Democrats fear the Radical composition of the Party in the North, which they claim is being surrendered to the Labour leader, Mr. John Lewis, and believe that President Roosevelt should take a firm stand against strikes, curtail spending for social services and balance the Budget.

NATION'S MANDATE

President Roosevelt contends that the nation gave him a mandate on his advanced liberal policy, which he is in honour bound to complete, lest the masses lose confidence in Democracy and turn to more dangerous remedies.

The entire Administration will be present at the conferences on Jefferson Island, and President Roosevelt will devote his time to trying to drum the backsliders into line.—Reuter.

AN INCH OF RAIN

Just over an inch of rain, most of it between 8.30 and 9.30, this morning, fell in the 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day, bringing the total fall for the year to 26.50 inches.

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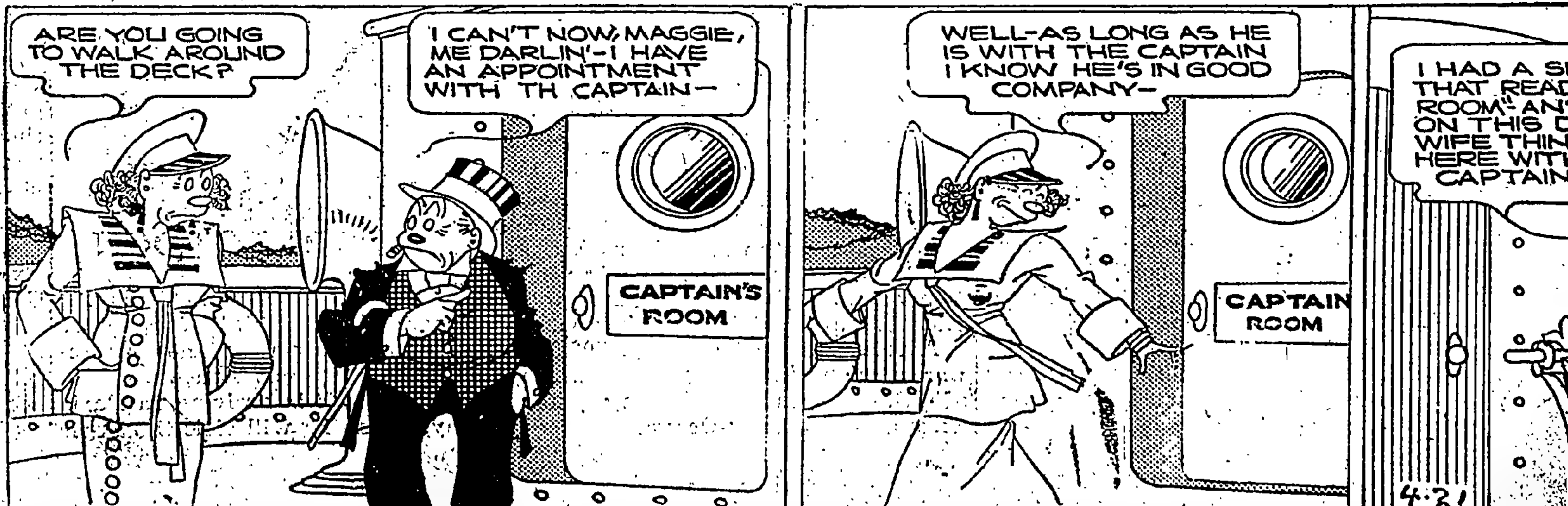
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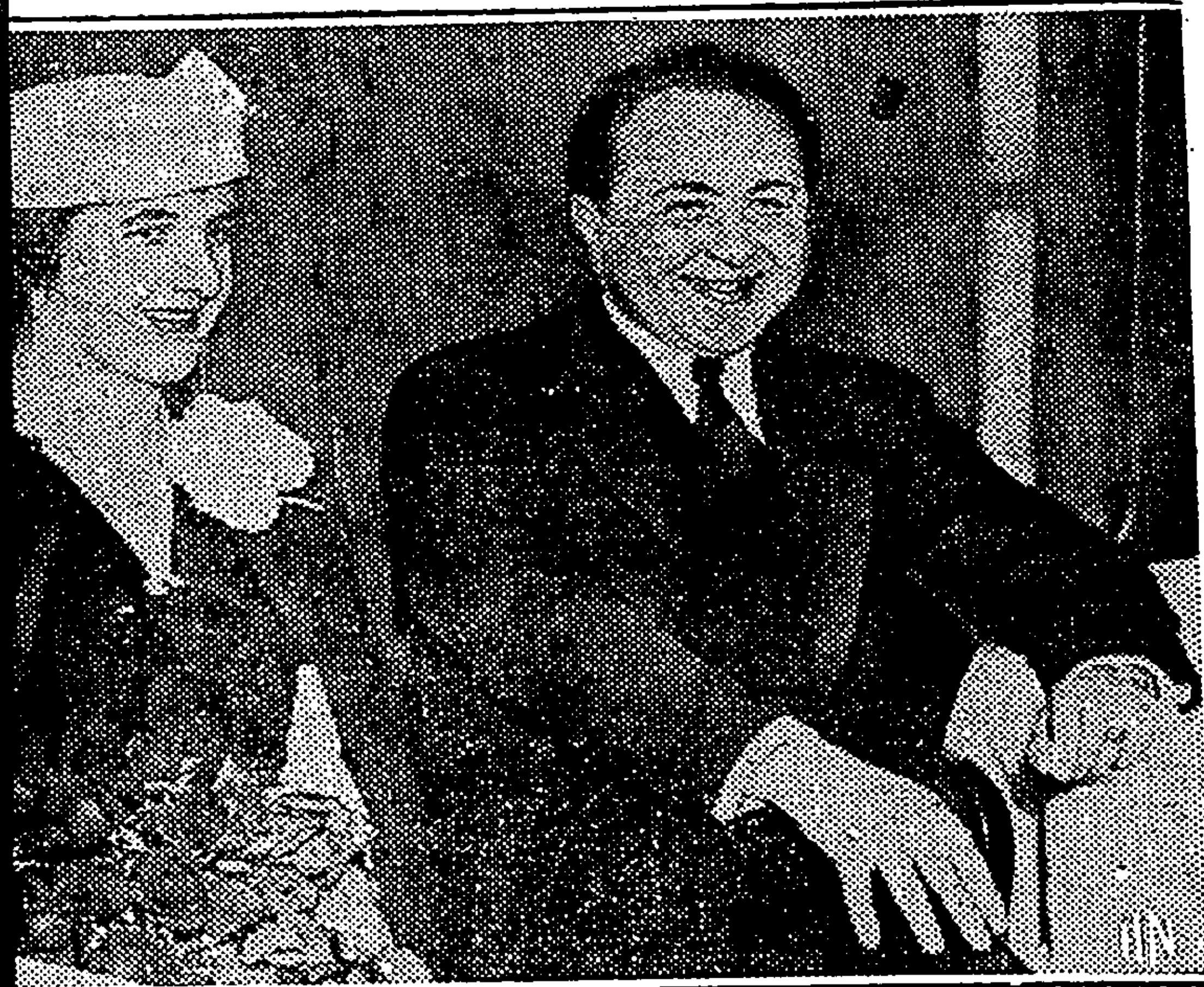
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Nazi Salute for *Hindenburg* Victims



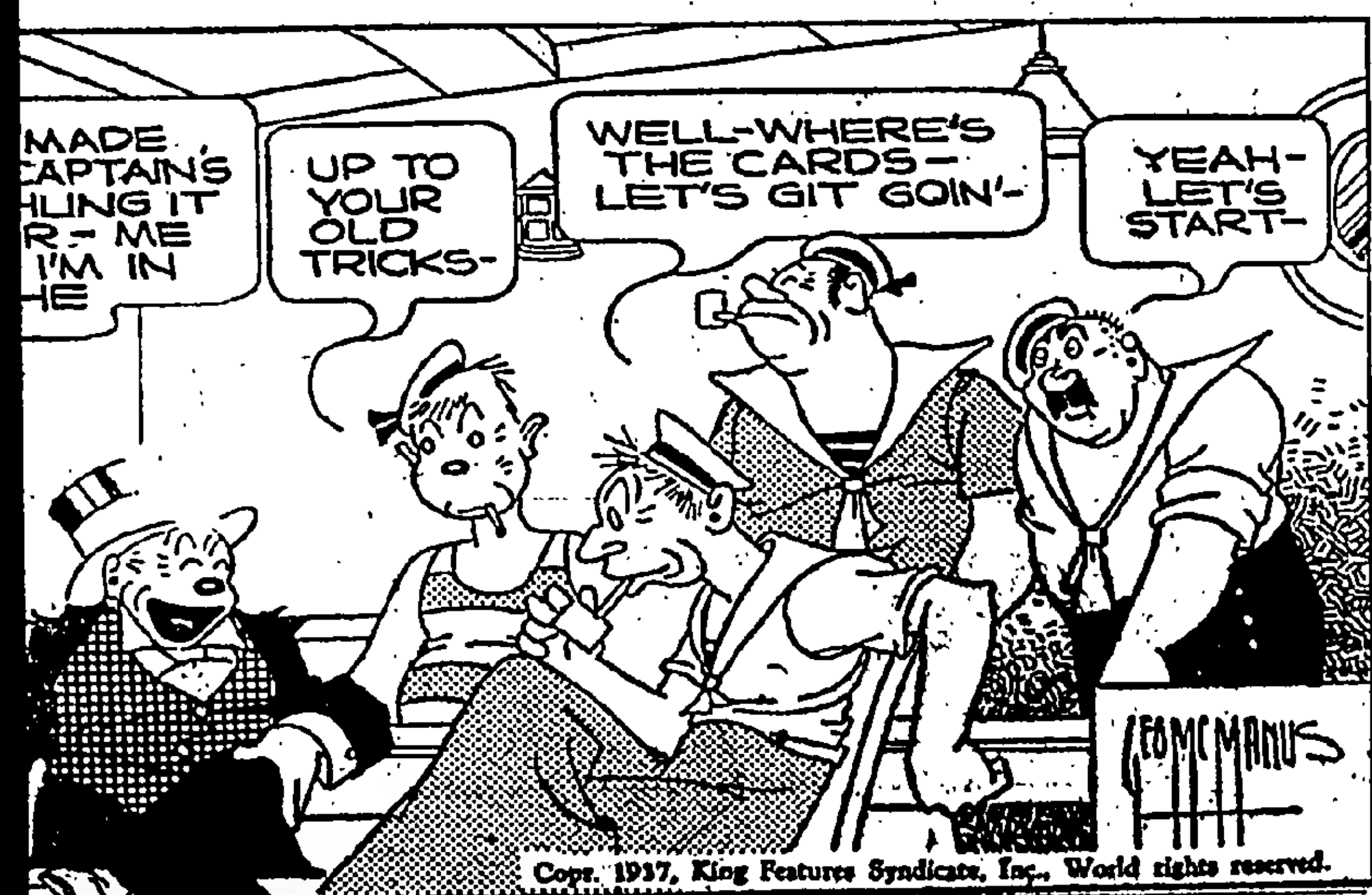
Walking down the line of flower-laden caskets of victims of the *Hindenburg* disaster are the German Ambassador, Dr. Hans Luther, and Capt. Emil Maurer, of the liner *Hamburg*, flanked by guards, as they honoured the dead in funeral services on the pier at New York before the remains were shipped back to Germany.

New Nazi Ambassador

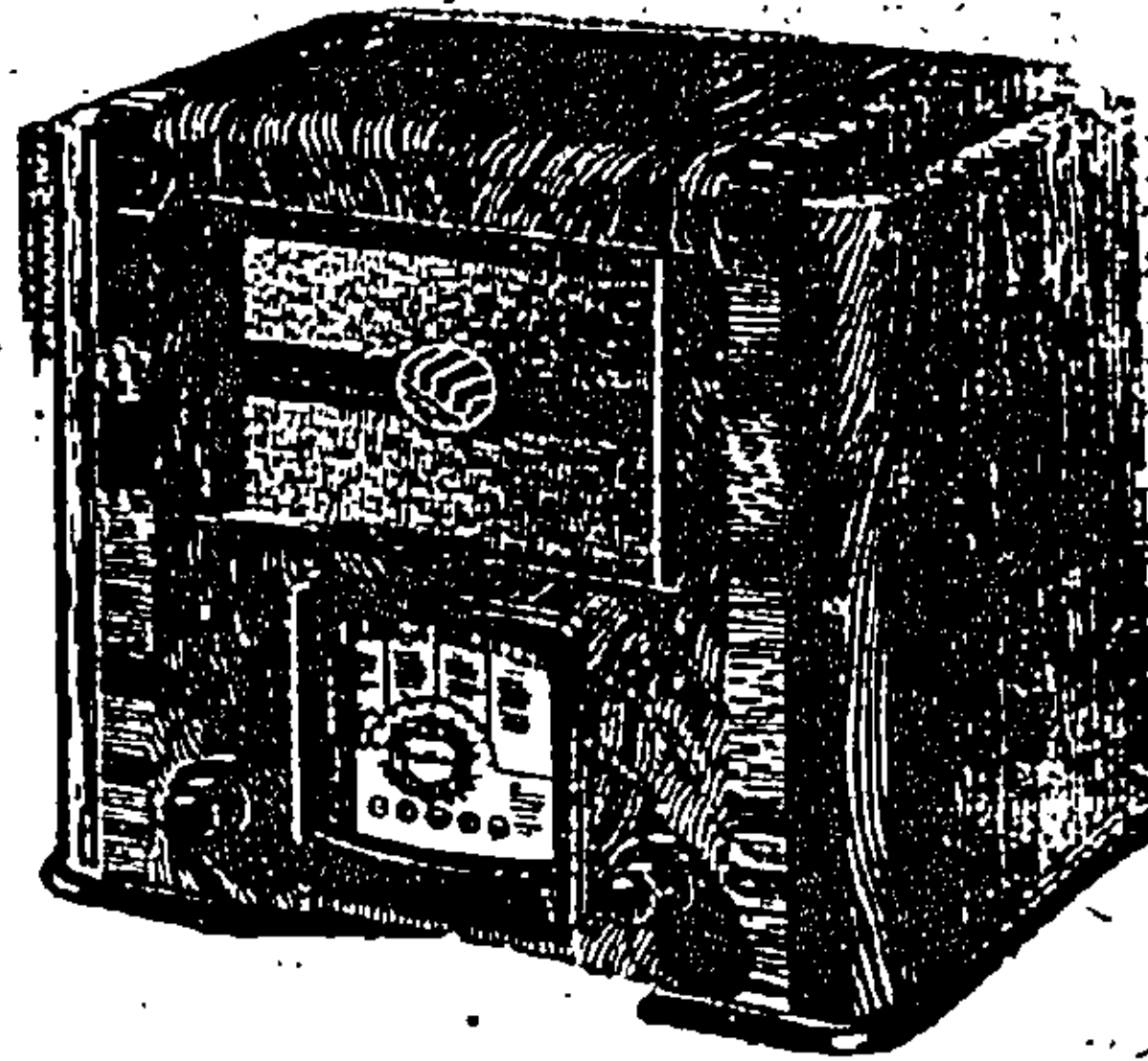


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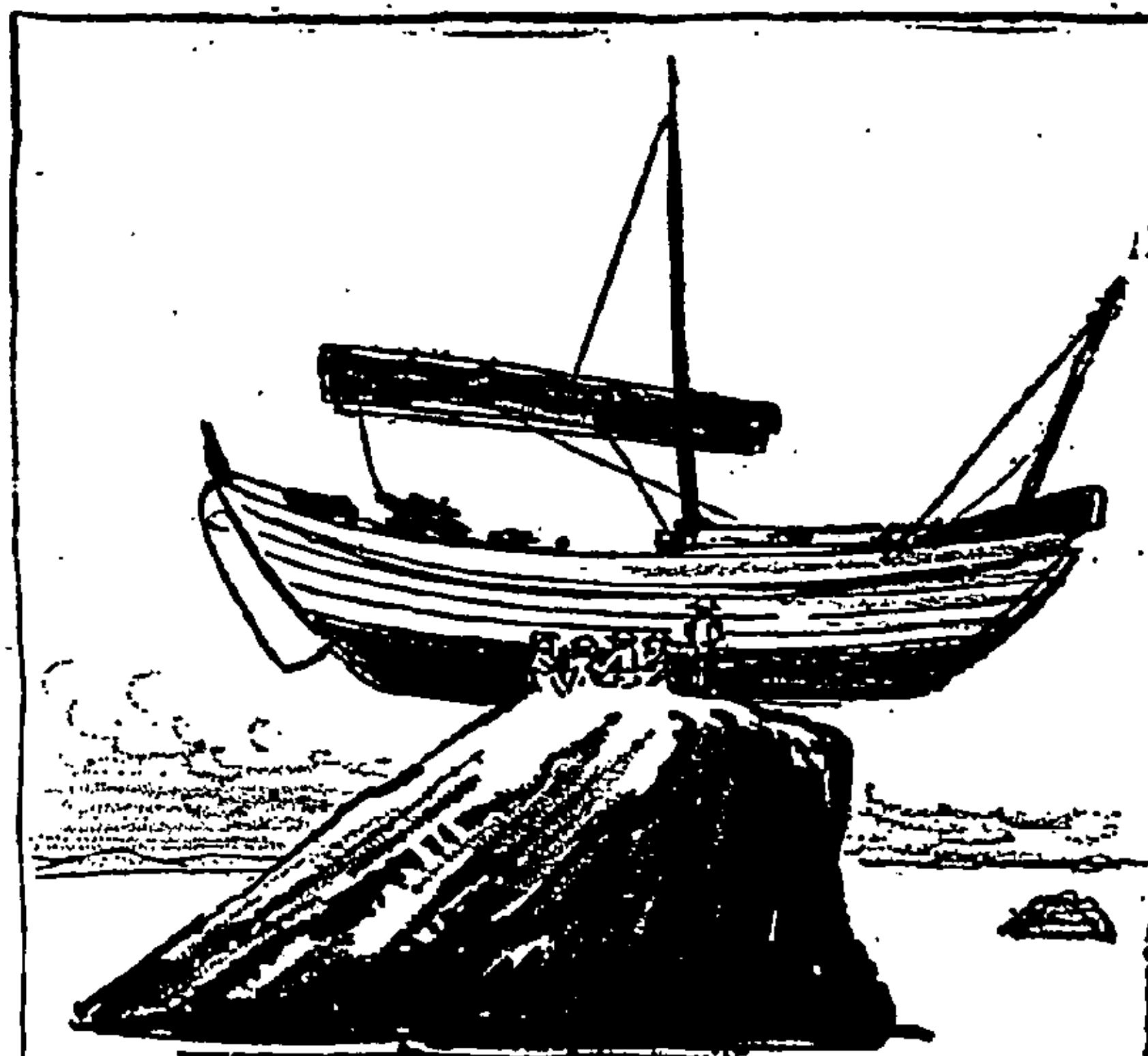
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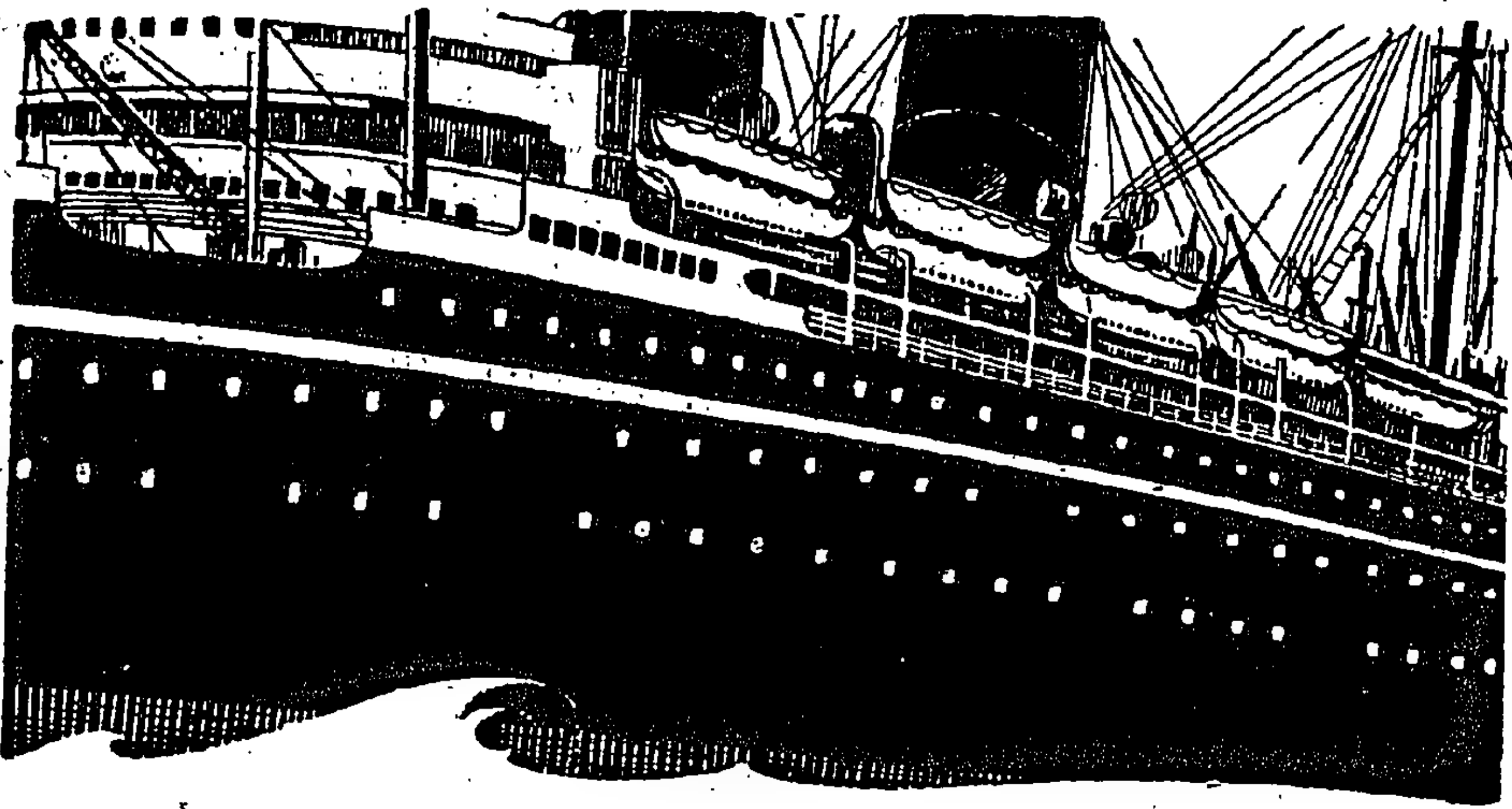
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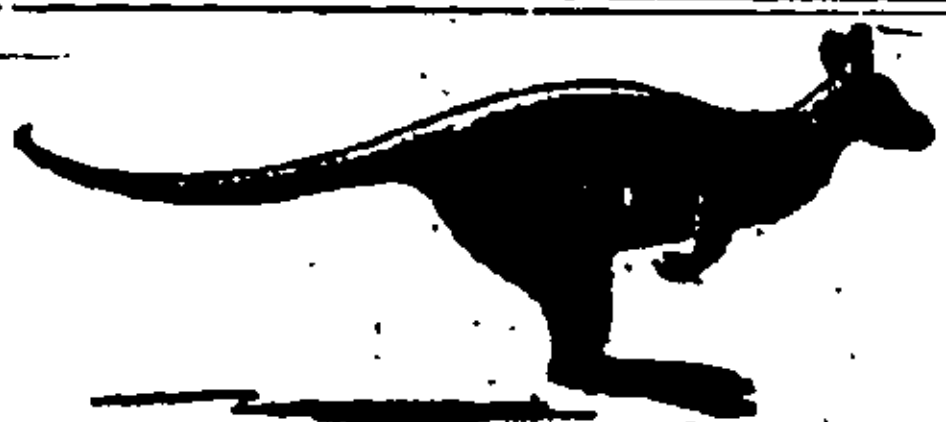
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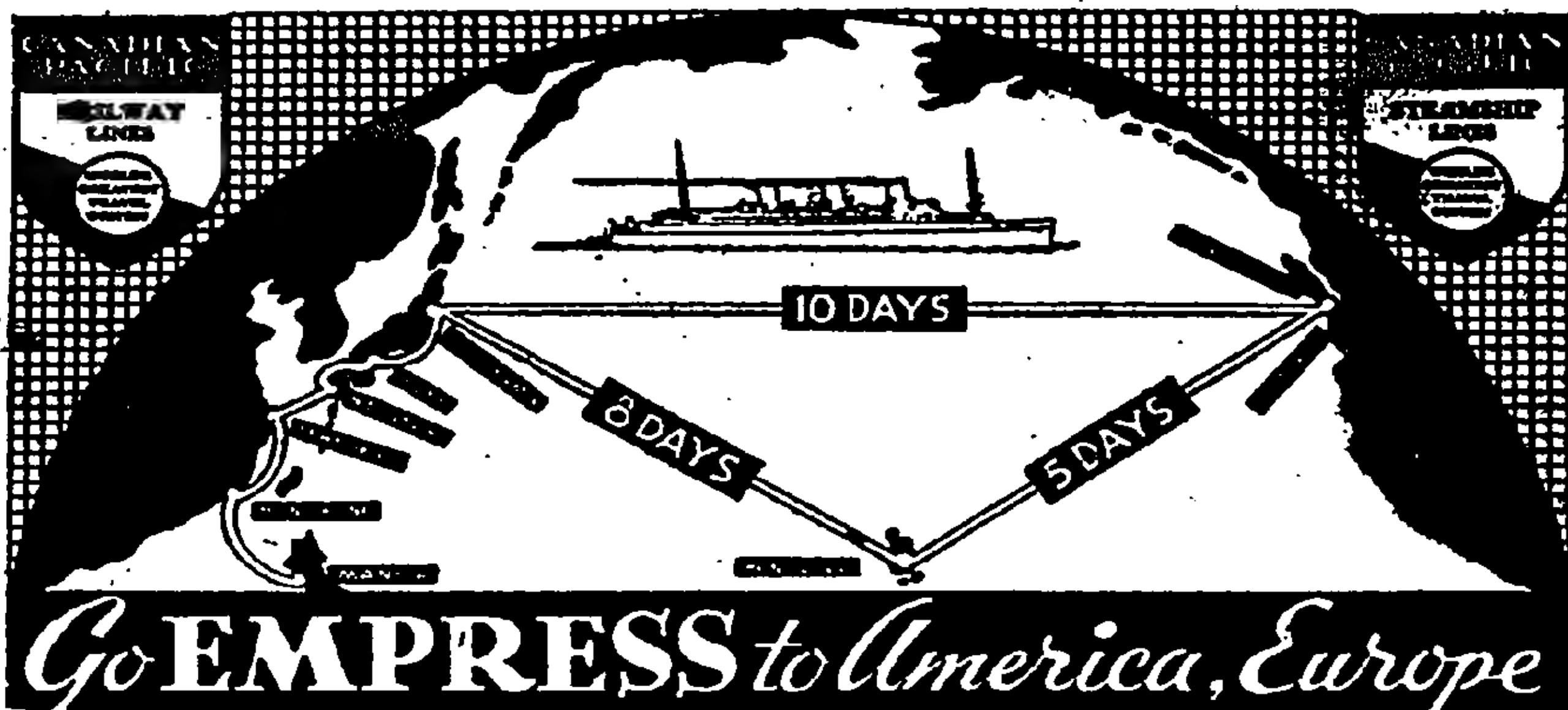
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IRON CONTROL PLAN RESISTED BY JAPANESE

Opposition to the plan for controlling the iron and steel manufacturing industry sponsored by Commerce and Industry Minister Takuo Godo, has been voiced by the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Iron and Steel Consultation Commission, according to the Japanese press.

Recently the plan has been under discussion by these organizations. They do not necessarily oppose control as a whole, but advocate autonomous control instead of State control, to obtain which the Ministry is going to submit a bill to the special Diet session.

The Industry Department of the chamber has expressed open antagonism to the Government plan for placing the iron and steel industry under direct Government control, and has started formulating a plan for autonomous control. A special committee meeting of the consultation commission also has announced that State control should be abandoned and replaced by autonomous control.

State Control
Their attitude is regarded as very noteworthy, because they are trying to check the growing tendency toward State control, says the Miyako. The chamber is extremely opposed to the ideology on which the control plan of the Government stands and declares autonomous control is the best to develop this industry and to meet Japan's preparations for a semi-wartime economic structure. The chamber will announce a control plan of its own shortly.

Mr. Motojiri Shiraishi, president of the Japan Steel Tubing Company, as a special member of the chamber expressed his opinion on the Government plan Tuesday at the instance of the chamber. Mr. Shiraishi declares the iron manufacturing industry control plan of the Ministry estimates the total demand for iron and steel for 1941 will be 6,200,000 tons, on which basis it encourages an increase of production capacity. The demand should be estimated at 12,000,000 tons, he said. Almost all of the iron and steel policies hitherto adopted by the Ministry have failed, and it is de-

cidedly bad that the Ministry is going to secure a strong control over the industry, in spite of its abject failure, Mr. Shiraishi declared.

The Hochi reports Mr. Shiraishi recently called on Major-General Masataka Yamaoka, director of the Munitions Preparation Bureau of the War Ministry, and pointed out various defects of the Government's plan of control. The former told the latter that the control plan will impede the development of the industry, making it difficult for manufacturing companies to enlarge their production capacity.

The consultation commission has decided to amend the Government control plan and has appointed Mr. Shinkyo Namatsu, managing-director of the Japan Iron Manufacturing Company, as chairman of a special committee for that purpose.

LOCAL DOLLAR UP!

London Silver Prices

The demand rate of the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2-23/32.

"Spot" silver was quoted at 19-13/16 and "forward" at 19-13/16.

The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.9370 and the New York on London cross-rate at £—U.S.\$4.9378.

JUGOSLAVIA BUYS BRITISH WAR PLANES

A squadron of 10 Hawker Fury multi-gun single-seat fighter aeroplanes is being delivered to Yugoslavia, and the Government of that country has acquired the licence to build the Fury type in its own factories.

The present order included 75 Rolls-Royce Kestrel engines of the type fitted to the Fury.

The Fury Fighter ordered is similar to the type used in the R.A.F., but has a superior performance and is more heavily armed.

It has a maximum speed of about 250 miles an hour at a height of 14,800 feet, and climbs is 20,000 feet in eight minutes. The engine is supercharged and developed 745 h.p. at 14,000 feet.

In July, 1932, Capt. Shintitch, of the Yugoslavian army, flew a Fury to victory in an international war-plane race round the Alps, at an average speed of 204.5 m.p.h.

Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co., have received the following quotations from Singapore in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

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FOREIGN BUSINESS INVESTMENT IN GERMANY

Berlin, To-day.

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Prague, To-day.

Film negotiations which have been in progress between Germany and Czechoslovakia for months past have now reached their conclusion.

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WIMBLEDON STARTS NEXT WEEK



Kay Stammers, (Great Britain) left, and Donald Budge (United States) right, have been seeded in the Wimbledon draw for the first round of the Ladies' and Men's Singles law tennis championships, respectively.

SOUTH CHINA TOO GOOD FOR KOWLOON I.T.C.

INDIANS SHOULD REARRANGE THEIR PARTNERSHIPS

CONTRARY to general expectations, South China had little difficulty in beating K.I.T.C. in the "B" Division of the Lawn Tennis League at King's Park yesterday afternoon, winning by 6½ sets to 2½.

Kowloon Indians, champions of the "C" Division last year, were principally carried to that eminent position by the excellent form of the Hussain brothers, who were, without exception, the finest combination in that division of the League.

This year the Club authorities have seen fit to split these two players up, so that instead of having one really good combination on which to build the team, they now have three comparatively inferior pairings.

FINE BALANCE

The strength of the winners yesterday, lay in their fine balance, an asset that should carry them a long way when the more powerful teams are encountered. Two pairs won two sets each while the third pair in addition, also, halved a third.

Lau and Leung were probably the finest combination on view from either side, and maintained a con-

sistent attack from the forecourt which proved too much for their opponents. Leung was very sound overhead and tucked away anything short with great severity.

N. K. Ma and K. H. Lee, while only conceding three games in two sets, unaccountably lost to S. A. Hussain and S. R. Salleh, chiefly, through over confidence. Both were careless with their stroking, and with the Indian pair being content to wait for their errors, there could only be one result.

TRIFLE FORTUNATE

H. T. Bee and H. Y. Ho, were, perhaps, a trifle fortunate to win two sets. They were carried the whole distance on each occasion, but they stuck to their guns and as a result of their persistent tactics, managed to win two very important sets which probably influenced the final outcome of the match.

K.I.T.C. would have done better if they had concentrated a little more on attack. On several occasions if they had applied a little judicious pressure they would have turned a game in their favour, and a couple of successes in the second round might have made all the difference to the final result.

The Hussains were the best individual players, despite the fact that they might have injected more life into their play, but I still maintain, that, paired as they now are, the K.I.T.C. can expect to lose several more games by close margins by not concentrating their strength on two pairs and hoping that the third string will, on odd occasions, manage an occasional set.

N. K. Ma and K. H. Lee (S.C.A.A.): beat S. S. Hussain and I. M. Singh 6-2
lost to S. A. Hussain and S. R. Salleh 5-7

H. T. Bee and H. Y. Ho (S.C.A.A.): beat Hussain and Singh 6-4
beat Hussain and Salleh 6-4
lost to Khan and Khan 5-7

C. L. Lau and T. K. Leung (S.C.A.A.): beat Hussain and Singh 7-5
beat Khan and Khan 6-0
drew with Hussain and Salleh 6-6

ARMY'S TEST AGAINST CRAIGENGOWER

C.R.C. Teams In "Derby Clash"

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The powerful Army Tennis Club will receive its first real test this afternoon when Craigengower C.C. is encountered at Sookunpoo in the "C" Division of the Tennis League.

The soldiers, in their first match this season, gave a convincing indication of their potentialities when they defeated C.R.C. (2) but they will have to be at their best this afternoon to dispose of the doughty Valley team.

The two C.R.C. combinations will be featured in a local "derby," while Kowloon Tong and South China, keen rivals, clash on the former's courts. Indian R.C. should have little difficulty in securing maximum points from K.C.C., who, although quite a useful side are not as well-balanced as their Indian rivals.

Club de Recreio, probably the finest team in the Division, should win easily against Radio. The latter set off the speedy King's Park ter will be very fortunate to take side.

YESTERDAY'S DRAW RESULTS

KHO SIN KIE PARTNERS KARL SCHROEDER U.S. MIXED DOUBLES THREAT

London, To-day.

The draw for the Wimbledon lawn tennis championships which will commence on June 21, has resulted in several interesting first round clashes, and has also revealed several interesting partnerships in the Men's Open and Mixed Doubles events, Kho Sin-kie, the China National champion, being paired with Karl Schroeder, of Sweden, and the Queen's Club Covered Courts champion, in the Men's doubles event.

The seeded players in the men's singles, in the order as they appear in the draw, are G. von Cramm (Germany), R. Menzel (Czechoslovakia), H. W. Austin (Great Britain), B. Grant (United States), F. Parker (United States), F. Henkel (Germany), V. McGrath (Australia), and D. Budge (United States). Seeded players in the women's singles are Miss Helen Jacobs (United States), Mrs. Sperling (Denmark), Senorita Lizana (Chile), Miss Jedrejowsky (Poland), Miss Alice Marble (United States), Madame Mathieu (France), Miss D. Round (Great Britain) and Miss Kay Stammers (Great Britain).

Probably one of the strongest pairs in the Mixed Doubles Championship will be Donald Budge and Miss Alice Marble, holders of the U.S. title, Yamagishi, of Japan, will play with Miss Betty Nuthall.

In the Men's Singles event, Yamagishi will meet the winner of the qualifying tournament in the top section of the draw, in which Baron Gottfried von Cramm (Germany), the present top ranking amateur and runner-up to Perry last year, is the seeded player.

Nakano, of Japan, will meet Harris, of the United States in the seventh section of the draw, in which Vivian McGrath, the Australian singles champion, is the seeded player, while Kho Sin-kie, the China National champion, will meet Mulliken, of Great Britain, in the top section, and H. W. Ho, the Shanghai Chinese, will encounter Frankie Parker, one of America's boy prodigies, who is the only seeded player in the fifth section.

W. C. Choy will meet a Southern Counties player yet to be selected in the seventh section of the first round.

OPEN DOUBLES

Japan are assured of one pair in the second round of the Open Doubles event as Yamagishi and Nakano (Japan), have been drawn against Eedes and Fannin, of South Africa, in the first section of the first round, in which G. P. Hughes and C. R. D. Tuckey, of Great Britain, and holders of the title, are seeded.

Ho (China) and Mulliken (G. B.) will meet Norman Farquharson and Vernon Kirby, of South Africa, runner-up to Von Cramm and Henkel, in the recent French Doubles championship, in the second section of the first round, in which Jack Crawford and Vivian McGrath, of Australia, and semi-finalists at Wimbledon, are seeded.

W. C. Choy, the Cambridge Blue (China) and Van de Neynde (Belgium) will clash with Lysaght and Sherwood, of Great Britain, while Kho Sin-kie (China) and Karl Schroeder, of Sweden, a very strong pair, will meet Coombe (New Zealand) and Glaser (Great Britain).

VOLLEYING DUELS AT COX'S ROAD

H.K.C.C. LOSE IN "B" DIVISION

F.A. REDMOND'S FINE PERFORMANCE

Some lively tennis was witnessed at King's Park yesterday where the Kowloon Cricket Club defeated the Hong Kong Cricket Club by 6½ sets to 2½ in their "B" Division Lawn Tennis League clash.

Thrilling volleying duels at the net featured the encounter between Burnett and Clarke and Rodger and Deane, the first named (K.C.C.) pair coming off best, although both players gave away countless points by netting easy "kills" at the net.

The visiting players had the happy knack of returning what looked like winning shots, Rodger in particular being outstanding in this department, while Deane bounded round the court much like a ballet dancer, occasionally bringing off a nice "kill."

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In the Mixed Doubles event, Yamagishi (Japan) and Miss Betty Nuthall (Great Britain) will meet M. Kraus and partner (Austria) in the third section of the Second Round, in which F. H. D. Wilde and Miss Whitmarsh (Great Britain) are seeded. G. H. Ho (China) and Miss Pater-son (Great Britain) will meet Butler and Miss Dorothy Round (Great Britain) in the second quarter of the first round, in which Donald Budge and Miss Alice Marble (United States) are the seeded pair. —Reuter.

HAMMOND SHINES IN TEST TRIAL

GERMAN TENNIS TRIUMPH

FRENCH DOUBLES TITLE WIN

S. AFRICANS FAIL TO LAST

(From A. WALLIS MYERS)
Auteuil, May 23.

Having slain the Wimbledon champions on the previous day in a tense five-set struggle, Baron Gottfried von Cramm and Henner Henkel, the German Davis Cup pair, to-day won the French doubles title for the first time. They defeated N. G. Farquharson and V. G. Kirby, of South Africa, in the final by 6-4, 7-5, 3-6, 6-1.

Relenting at last, the weather was invitingly fine, and if the French pairs had not fallen out, either through illness or because the invaders outgunned them, Auteuil would probably have had a packed house. But magnets were still there.

ATTRACTION ANYWHERE

The German team, with their serenity of bearing and their forceful, co-ordinated attack, free from extravagant gesture, would be an attraction in any city. And was not Jean Borotra still vibrant in the mixed doubles, and Yvon Petra, the new idol of Paris, engaged in the same event?

In to-day's piping heat physical reserve played an important part, and, after holding the Germans for three sets and winning the third with great gusto, the South Africans, denied the 10 minutes' interval by local rules, were inclined to wilt.

KIRBY'S SERVICE LESS ACCURATE

It was not a great match because neither side was at its best at the same time each made costly mistakes. Thus, in the second set, when the South Africans broke through Henkel's service for a 5-3 lead, Kirby should have sealed the set with his service.

But to-day Kirby's service, so biting in previous rounds, lost its accuracy and several vital double faults were registered. Only in the third set was it really going well; then Kirby often had von Cramm tied up with its nasty kick and the beautiful volleying party that followed.

FARQUHARSON BRILLIANT

Farquharson was always brilliant in this bout, now clouting his ground shots for a clean winner, next hitting a smash that nearly knocked over a member of the Cabinet sitting in the box.

But these scintillating periods came too late. When the Germans were in the ascendancy, as they were in the first and last sets, neither Johannesburg player could summon the low volley to stem von Cramm's torrent of cross drives, nor could they prevent Henkel from cutting-in and smothering the rising ball.

If the Germans exposed a few crevices in their attacking game, they knew how to close them by an intensive effort. Challenged, they always responded; their morale as much as their strokes was responsible for their triumph.



Baron Gottfried von Cramm, the world's leading amateur tennis player now that Perry has joined the professional ranks, added the French Doubles championship to his long list of triumphs when, with Heinrich Henkel, they beat Norman Farquharson and Vernon Kirby.

VOLLEYING DUELS AT COX'S ROAD

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GROSE WEAK

Anderson and Grose were never really at home against the visitors and the latter was very weak, especially at the net where he was passed time and again. Anderson was most spectacular overhead and very rarely bungled a "kill." His lobbing was not quite accurate and more often than not was out of the court, although by only a few inches.

Ramsay and Watson were the weak link in the home team and were very lucky to have shared the spoils with Redmond and Evans, who were leading them at one time by 4 games to 2. The K.C.C. pair rallied strongly to level the scores at 4 all and then take the lead, which they failed to retain, however, Redmond and Evans levelling the scores at 5 all. Watson seemed ill at ease and bungled easy shots at the net at this stage, and when leading 40 love in the final set, made the two vital mistakes which gave the opposition pair an opportunity of sharing the spoils.

VETERAN SHINES

Gordon and Monaghan were the pick of the visiting pairs, the two being very steady, while the former's top-spin returns invariably caught the home players napping.

Redmond and Evans combined well, the former, although a veteran, giving an excellent display and score some beautiful winners with good overhead work and backhand return lobs. Evans' best department was his crisp volleying at the net and excellent smashing, while his placements down the tramlines had the opposition guessing time and again.

The University were no match for Craigengower Cricket Club at the Valley yesterday, M. C. Hung and Y. N. Tan being their outstanding pair and sharing the spoils in their encounters with J. W. Leonard and G. Choa, and R. Choa and F. Zimmern.

Yesterday's results were as follows:—

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ALL THE BOWLERS PULVERISED

COMPTON POTENTIAL ENGLAND BAT

GIMBLETT'S GREAT PROMISE

(By Howard Marshall)

SUMMER returned to Lord's yesterday, and with it a large crowd and some grand cricket. The scene was perfect—sun shining, a cooling breeze rippling the shirts of the players, and Hammond at his glorious best, pulverising the North bowlers.

SUCH RICHES QUICKLY MADE US FORGET THE GREY MISERY OF SATURDAY. WHAT IS MORE, THEY LULLED THE CRITICAL FACULTIES, AND SOOTHED US INTO A HAPPY ACQUIESCENCE IN THE CHANGING FORTUNES OF THE GAME. THE FACT THAT THE NORTH WERE ALL OUT FOR 271, AN UNEXPECTEDLY LOW TOTAL, WAS MERELY AN INCIDENT, ALMOST UNRECORDED, AND THE SOUTH'S TOTAL OF 300 WAS IRRELEVANT BESIDE THE MANNER OF ITS MAKING.

The North were left with a quarter of an hour's batting, and Paynter and Hutton not only survived, but put on 15 excellent runs. Of Hammond, who made a superb 82, there is nothing new to be said. His strokes—that massive drive, that punch through the covers which cracks the ball against the paling before a fielder can move—were produced with all the old ease and certainty. There is the touch of immortality about Hammond's batting, and a combination of swiftness and solid power which no other player can equal.

Hammond will never become grim, formal, the Test match technician. He is cricket itself, and it is right that he should have made runs in this week of commemoration.

The rest of the South's batting was on a different plane, but Compton played extremely well, and made us think again that he is a poten-



tial England batsman. He appears to have the necessary temperament, and his footwork and natural quickness enable him to punish all but the most accurate bowling.

GIMBLETT PROMISING

Gimblett appeared to be unhappy and rather out of touch, but he is clearly a player of the greatest promise, and Robins made 38 admirably impudent runs, and eventually walked across his stumps before Verity bowled, and was l.b.w.

Of the North bowling we can say that Verity and Hollis were admirably steady, particularly during a long spell against Hammond and Ames in the afternoon. Hollis, with his leg breaks and top-spinners—he does not appear to bowl the genuine googly often—has surely increased his reputation.

UNEASY START

Sunshine at Lord's has an agreeably mollifying effect, and everyone was prepared to be very magnanimous and tolerant when Dollery and Maxwell came out to continue the North's innings. The total was not too impressive—246 for five—and Dollery started rather uneasily by playing back to Farnes (Pavilion end) and edging him through the slips.

This modern habit of playing back to quick bowlers on good wickets has caused many unnecessary disasters, and when Dollery did it again, in Farnes' second over, he had his stumps spreadeagled. Dollery's fate should have been a warning, but at 259 Maxwell shuffled indecisively back, and his middle stump went cart-wheeling past the wicket-keeper's ear.

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K.C.C. TOO GOOD FOR H.K.C.C.

D. J. N. Anderson and F. Grose (K.C.C.):—
beat F. A. Redmond and D. B. Evans 6-1
lost to J. Rodger and B. O'M. Deane 4-6
beat V. R. Gordon and T. C. Monaghan 6-3
G. C. Burnett and G. E. Clarke (K.C.C.):—
beat Redmond and Evans 6-1
beat Rodger and Deane 6-2
beat Gordon and Monaghan 6-3
A. W. Ramsay and C. E. Watson (K.C.C.):—
drew with Redmond and Evans 6-6
lost to Rodger and Deane 4-6
beat Gordon and Monaghan 6-3

RECREIO'S EASY WIN

Club de Recreio defeated the Civil Service Cricket Club by 8 sets to 1 at King's Park.
M. A. Oliveira and L. A. Carvalho (Recreio):—
beat B. Agafuroff and I. Agafuroff 6-3
beat J. Sloan and L. Carver 6-2
lost to J. Pengelly and F. Bradley 4-6
J. Remedios and L. Silva (Recreio):—
beat Agafuroff and Agafuroff 6-4
beat Sloan and Carver 6-4
beat Pengelly and Bradley 6-1
B. Gosano and A. M. Rodrigues (Recreio):—
beat Agafuroff and Agafuroff 6-2
beat Sloan and Carver 6-1
beat Pengelly and F. Bradley 6-3

CRAIGENGOWER TOO STRONG

R. Choa and F. Zimmern (C.C.C.) drew with M. C. Hung and Y. N. Tan 6-6
beat G. Chang and H. H. Li 6-2
beat S. S. Chin and K. S. Cheng 6-1
G. Choa and J. W. Leonard (C.C.C.) drew with Hung and Tan 6-6
beat Chang and Li 6-2
beat Chin and Cheng 6-2
W. J. Howard and G. Lai (C.C.C.) beat Hung and Tan 6-3
beat Chang and Li 6-4
beat Chin and Cheng 6-2

ACHILLES INTER-CLUB ATHLETIC WIN

Achilles Club, with 29 points, won the inter-club contest of Reading A.C. at Reading with 29 points. Blackheath H. and Surrey A.C. were joint second, each with 14 points. Achilles had the winner in four of the nine events—R. L. Trapnell (steeplechase), J. G. Barnes (quarter-mile), A. W. Selwyn (high jump), and A. Pennington (220 yards).

C. A. Wiard won the short sprint for Blackheath, beating W. E. N. Breach (Reading A.C.) by a yard in 10.6sec., with K. S. Duncan (Achilles) inches away, third. Wiard was second to Pennington in the furlong, beaten by six yards in 23.1sec.

Martin Retains St. George's Golf Cup

London, May 22.—With a record score for the event—144—D. H. R. Martin, the Oxford Blue and English international, yesterday retained the St. George's Champion Grand Challenge Cup.

In the second round on the Royal St. George's course, Sandwich, where the British Amateur Championship will be played next week, Martin had a score of 73.

Having led on Thursday with 71, Martin won by three shots from James Bruen, junr., the 17-year-old Irish holder of the Boys' Championship, who had a second round of 74.



The course was considered to be four shots more difficult than on Thursday, but Martin did not once exceed bogey for any hole. His putting was very accurate. His only slip was at the fifth hole, where he took three putts.

ENGAGEMENT RING AS SECURITY

Miss Betty Nuthall's Dilemma

London, May 23.
Miss Betty Nuthall arrived at the Chiswick Park Lawn Tennis Club yesterday to play in the Middlesex championships, and found she had left her tennis kit at home. She had to return for it. On the way back her car ran out of petrol, and, having forgotten her purse too, she had to leave her engagement ring at the filling station as security. Miss Nuthall eventually got back to the courts and won her match.



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HAMMOND SHINES IN TEST TRIAL

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IN TROUBLE

The North were obviously in trouble, and to make it worse, Robins was finding a length at the Nursery end. Pope, it is true, hit him for a swinging four past mid-off, but when he attempted to repeat the stroke without moving his feet he gave Compton at deepish mid-off a catch which was taken head-high.

Robins then proceeded to polish off the innings. The third ball of the same over was the leg-break, and Verity jumped to it, and was quietly stumped. The last ball was the wrong 'un, and Hollies covered up to it in the old-fashioned manner, and was l.b.w. Robins' figures for the morning were: 6-2-15-3, the North were all out for 271, and at 12.20 the South began their reply.

Voce, bowling over the wicket from the pavilion end, troubled Barnett and Gimblett considerably, making them play hurried strokes and finding the edge of the defensively prodding bat.

GIMBLETT HITS OUT

Barnett snicked one past second slip, and Voce moved short leg over to third slip. Gimblett looked like a man burdened with care, a good player not yet in form, though he hit a no-ball from Voce with astonishing quickness towards the Tavern.

Then he punched Pope beautifully through the covers off the back foot, and at 33 Hollies and Wyatt came on for Voce and Pope. Gimblett smashed Wyatt to the boundary past extra, had his leg stump shaved by Hollies, and soon afterwards played back to Hollies as if for the leg-break, only to see the ball come straight through to take the off-stump.

Forty-eight runs were on the board then, and two runs later Barnett, who had been playing beautifully, jumped to Verity, but mistimed the stroke, and was caught low down by Hollies at mid-off. This brought Hammond and Ames together, and Hammond began after the luncheon interval with a warning 4 through the covers off Verity.

GLORIOUS SLASH

Ames was not immediately so happy, but he did slash Voce square, a glorious stroke, and we settled down to a duel between these two fine attacking batsmen and the slow bowlers, Verity and Hollies. Verity was both accurate and cunning, and Hollies bowled his leg-breaks and top-spinners from the Pavilion end with exemplary steadiness.

Gradually Hammond began to dominate the game. He trickled Hollies delicately round to fine leg and hit him square with easy power. This, we said to one another, is real cricket, though Hammond in form is apt to make even the best of partners look second-rate by comparison. His driving and cutting were superb, and with Ames taking a four now and again, 50 runs came in half an hour.

Hammond reached his own 50 with a majestic square cut off Hollies, but then Ames shuffled forward to Hollies, missed the leg-break and was stumped (126-3-24), and Todd did not last long, for a flick at Verity gave a catch

BROWNS NOSE OUT ATHLETICS

YANKEES STILL WINNING

New York, To-day.
The following were the results of yesterday's major League baseball games:—

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	1	6	1
New York	4	8	1
Chicago	2	5	0
Boston	3	7	1
St. Louis	3	9	1
Carey and Cliff hit home runs.			
Philadelphia	2	10	1
Werber hit a home run.			
Detroit	1	8	1
Washington	2	8	1

The game went to 12 innings.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
New York	5	8	1
Pittsburgh	4	15	1
Philadelphia	6	12	3
Klein and Arnovitch hit home runs.			
St. Louis	7	14	1

The games between Boston and Chicago, and Brooklyn and Cincinnati were postponed owing to rain.—Reuter.

to Maxwell, and Compton came cheerfully in.

ASTONISHING CATCH

Wyatt gave Hollies a rest, and brought Hutton on with his slow leg-spinners, and Hammond took three more fours in an over. This was rich fare, but Hammond tried one drive too many, and flicked Pope to first slip, where Voce, flinging himself sideways, took an astonishing catch near the ground in his vast left hand.

Soon afterwards Voce left the field, probably to recover from his surprise, and Wyatt's already somewhat slender bowling was thereby sadly impoverished.

Compton, in the meanwhile, was shaping with the utmost confidence, and his on-side hitting was particularly sure and powerful. He thumped a full-pitch from Hutton for six towards the Tavern, a long carry, and anything short of a length he hooked or pulled mercilessly.

At tea the South total was 230, and Compton, playing excellently, very quick-footed, had made 48. Before long he reached his 50, but Edrich slashed across Voce, rather surprisingly, and skied a catch to Dollery at cover.

ROBINS' SHORT RUNS

Then Langridge was lbw to Pope, who had been bowling from the Nursery end with very little luck, and Robins came in to begin a series of short runs which delighted the crowd.

The cricket hereabouts was fast and furious, for Robins jumped out to everything, and Compton followed his example, and both of them played a sort of tip-and-run, scampering up the pitch like a couple of terriers.

Compton fell first, trying to hit a yorker from Verity into the stand, a feat which Robins accomplished before he walked so optimistically in front and was lbw. It was all up then, and the North had to face a quarter of an hour's attack from Farnes and Gover before the end of an enchanting day.



K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Two matches were played yesterday in the K. C. C. annual tennis tournament. In the second round of the Handicap Singles "B", R. T. Broadbridge (rec. 3/6) beat W. M. Gittins (owe 30) 6-3, 6-1.

In the Handicap Singles "A" A. E. P. Guest (owe 30.1) advanced into the semi-final, beating A. L. Fisher (scr.) by 6-1, 6-1.

In the ladies' handicap doubles Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Sweeney (owe 15) beat Mrs. Goodwin and Mrs. Fincher (owe 3/6) by 10-8, 6-1.

£30,000 WAGER ON GOLFER

BID FOR FOUR TITLES

(By George W. Greenwood)
Sandwich, May 24.

Bobby Locke, a youth of 19 and a clerk in the office of a mining company in Johannesburg, is the first favourite for the British Amateur Golf championship, which opens at Royal St. George's here to-morrow.

He is a 10 to 1 chance in a field of 220 players, and at this price has been supported by many South Africans to win a substantial sum.

For an outlay of £100 a syndicate stands to win £30,000, the wager being that Locke wins the Transvaal Open, the South African Open, and the two British championships—the Amateur and the Open. Locke has already won the first two titles on the list.

MAY WIN

With the withdrawal of Hector Thomson, the champion, Locke may win the British Amateur this week.

The "Open," which is at Carnoustie in July, is, however, an entirely different proposition from the other three, and while admitting that Locke is a genius at the game, I cannot see him beating all the famous British and American professionals. If he does Locke will rank as the equal of Bobby Jones, the world's greatest golfer until his retirement.

ENORMOUS CROWDS AT ASCOT

King's Horse Makes Unavailing Bid

London, To-day.

The weather was dull and threatening for the second day of the Ascot meeting, but the crowd was again enormous.

Fairey, the King's horse, made a great attempt to win the premier race of the day, the Hunt Cup, but after leading at one time, the horse faded out and finished eleventh.

Fairplay, owned by the millionaire cigar merchant, Mr. Robert Middlemass, won the event, catching Couvert at the post after a very thrilling race.

Backers generally were successful, favourites turning up consistently. Mr. Anthony Rothschild's Suzerain at 13 to 8 won the Churchill Stakes, Major Courtauld's Solfo at 8 to 11 won the King Edward VII Stakes. The Aga Khan's Takir at 5 to 1 was winner of the Chesham Stakes, while Sir John Jarvis's Gainsborough Lass at 4 to 1, won the Coronation Stakes. Mr. Malcolm McAlpine's Diplomat at 7 to 2 won the Fernhill Stakes.

Nevertheless, favourites such as His Majesty's Jubilee at 7 to 2, Lord Astor's Penicuik at 15 to 8 and Lord Charles Montague's Water Bird at 11 to 8, were unplaced.

Maher, Fairplay's jockey brought off a double, winning the Bessborough Stakes on Mr. Lester's Games Master at 100 to 6, as well as winning the Hunt Cup.—Reuter.

TOTALISATOR RECORD AT ASCOT

London, To-day.—A new record was established at Ascot yesterday when the second day's takings on the totalisator amounted to £144,029 which is a record for any one day.—Reuter.

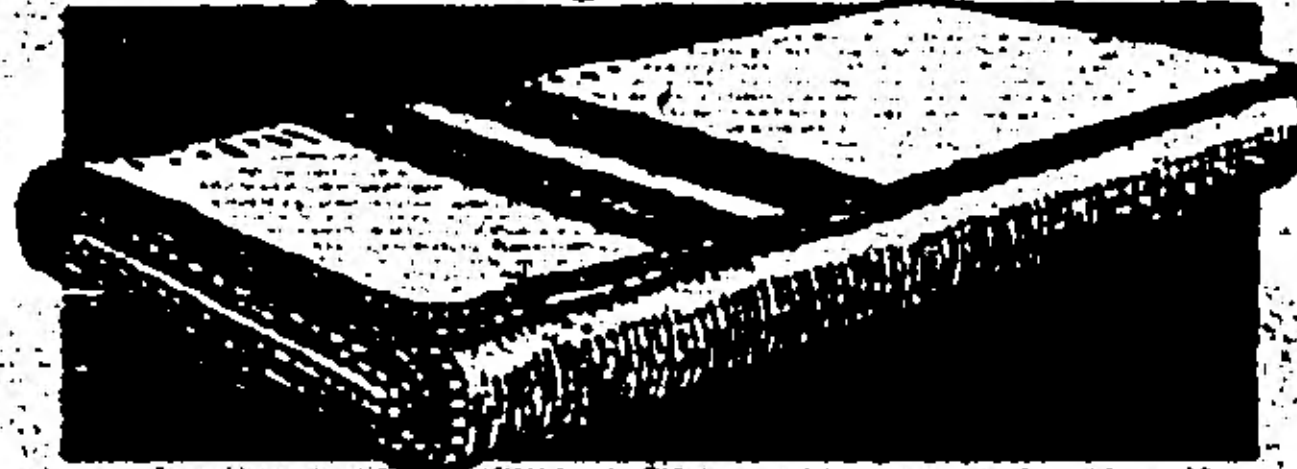
FRENCH AMATEUR GOLF TITLE

Morfontaine, To-day.

Jacques Leglise, the French native Amateur golf champion, yesterday beat Henry Longhurst, the old Cambridge Blue, by one hole over 36 holes in the final of the French Amateur Open Golf Championship.—Reuter.

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U.S. GREETING TO ENDEAVOUR I. FACTORY WHISTLES AND CAR HORNS CAPTAIN ON WHY HE CUT TOW ROPE

Newport (Rhode Island), May 25.

ENDEAVOUR I., which is to act as "pacer" to Mr. T. O. M. Sopwith's Endeavour II., in the trials for the America's Cup races in July, and which broke away from her convoy, the motor yacht Viva II., in mid-Atlantic last Friday week, received a welcome that would have done credit to a conquering hero when she dropped anchor here this afternoon.

SHE WAS MET BY A FLEET WHICH INCLUDED NOT ONLY THE BIG YACHTS YANKEE AND ATLANTIC, BUT MOST OF THE SMALLER PLEASURE CRAFT AND FISHING BOATS OF NEWPORT. HUNDREDS OF MOTOR CARS WERE LINED UP ALONG THE SHORE AND ADDED THE DIN OF THEIR HORNS TO THE BLASTS OF WHISTLES FROM FACTORIES. THE MAYOR WENT ABOARD WITH PORT OFFICIALS TO WELCOME ENDEAVOUR AND HER CREW.

Her wanderings under sail since she broke away from Viva II. have done her no harm. Both the crew and the yacht are in fine condition.

Capt. Heard, her skipper, told me that he had to cut the bridle holding the tow-line to the Endeavour. He said that the towing of her into head seas was putting a terrible strain on the yacht and he was afraid that there might be some serious damage.

Endeavour I. will have to wait calm.

her turn at the Herreshoff yards. Her sister vessel is still being reconditioned there, and after that there are two American boats to be put in order.

HELD UP IN CALM

For the next few days with moderate breezes Endeavour I. made good time until four miles from the Nantucket light. She then fell into

Four times she had to lower all sail to keep the canvas from being pulled to pieces as the yacht rolled in the windless swell. One day she made but 76 miles.

They had hoped, after reporting at the lightship yesterday, that Viva would be out at once to pick them up. Viva did not leave Newport, however, till six this morning.



Fred J. Perry, above, gave a series of lectures while in England recently for his series of professional matches against Ellesworth Vines at the Wembley Pool. The lectures were given at Harrod's Store.

F.J. PERRY'S TALKS ON TENNIS

Helping Amateur
Players

London, May 25.

Fred Perry, the British tennis player, who is playing a series of matches against Ellesworth Vines, the American, in the professional tournament at Wembley this week, is to give talks to visitors twice daily — at 11.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. — at Harrod's Stores, Knightsbridge.

"I cannot teach people how to play tennis," he said: "but I can tell them about the way I play, which is different from the way tennis has been played in the past."

"I want to try and help the game in this country by writing and talking about it—a thing I was never able to do as an amateur, but which I can do now that I am a professional."

HELPFUL

It is obviously impossible to teach people to play in talks of this kind, but I can tell the public how I learned to play, of the methods of holding the racket and so forth, and I hope and believe this will be of help to players." Both he and Mr. Vines, who have engagements to play at Bournemouth, Glasgow, Liverpool and Dublin, are sailing again for the United States on June 16.

GOLF CAPTAIN'S £5 EACH FOR PLAYERS

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SOUTHEND'S BID FOR FAME

London, May 22.

Mr. A. J. Pryor, captain of the Thorpe Hall Golf Club, made a fine sporting gesture to the professionals engaged in the Southend £1,000 tournament which, owing to the flooded state of the course, could not be continued yesterday.

Feeling that the professionals had been put to a great deal of expense, Mr. Pryor gave £5 to each of the 60 players who had qualified. This is in addition to the £6 10s which each qualifier will receive when the tournament is resumed in September.

Having guaranteed half the prize money, Mr. Pryor's personal expenditure in the attempt to give Southend a place in the golfing calendar is about £1,000.

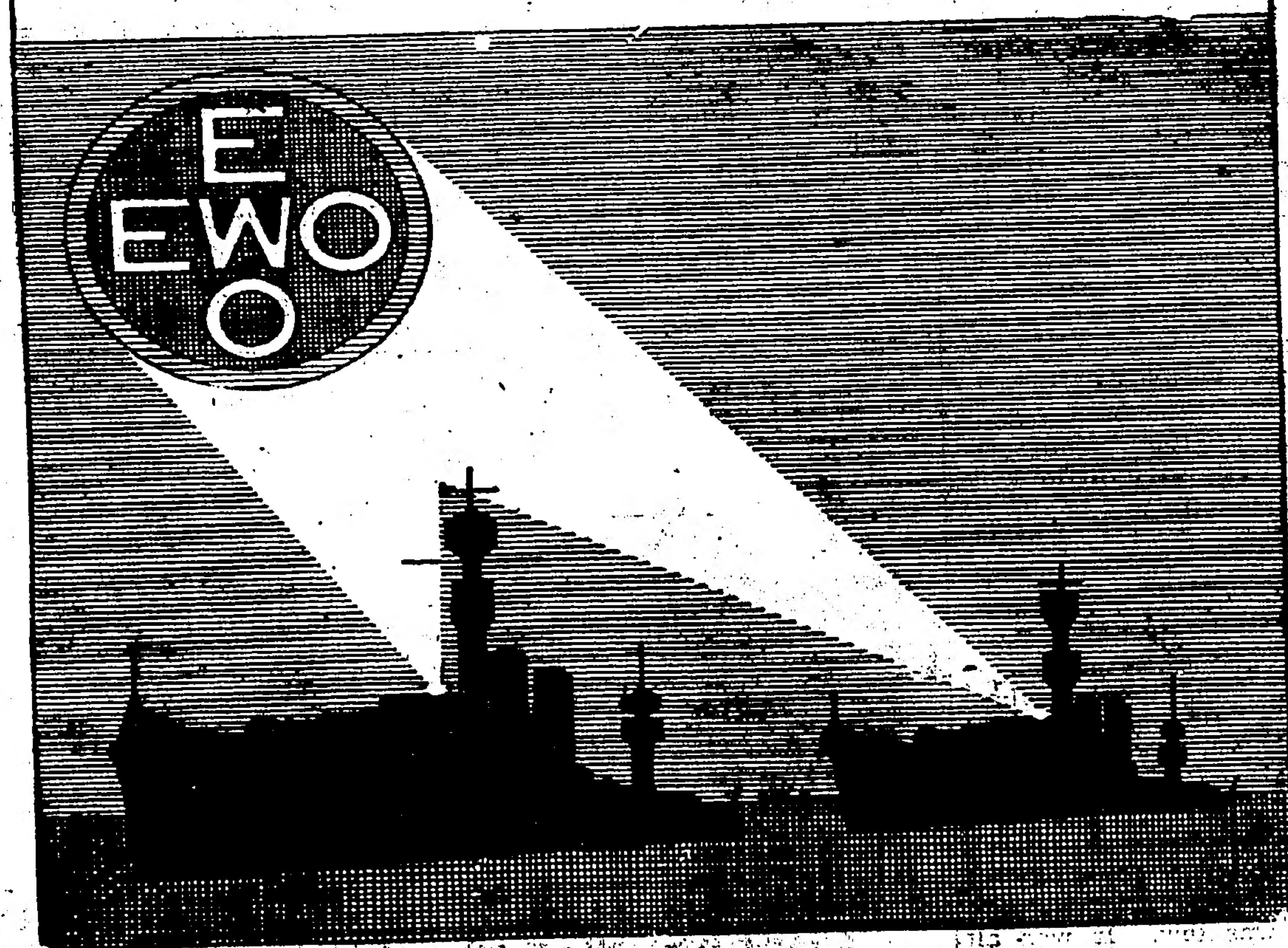
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The people of the town are not likely to forget their inaugural bid for golfing fame. There was the postponement of the first day's play; then the decision of Henry Cotton to withdraw; the heroic efforts of the greenkeeping staff—who worked throughout the night in conjunction with the engineers' department of the corporation—to pump water from the course, and, finally, the adjournment, owing to an overnight deluge.

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R. M. HENDERSON,
Water Authority.

Public Works Department,
Hong Kong, 17th June, 1937.

LLOYD TRIESTINO

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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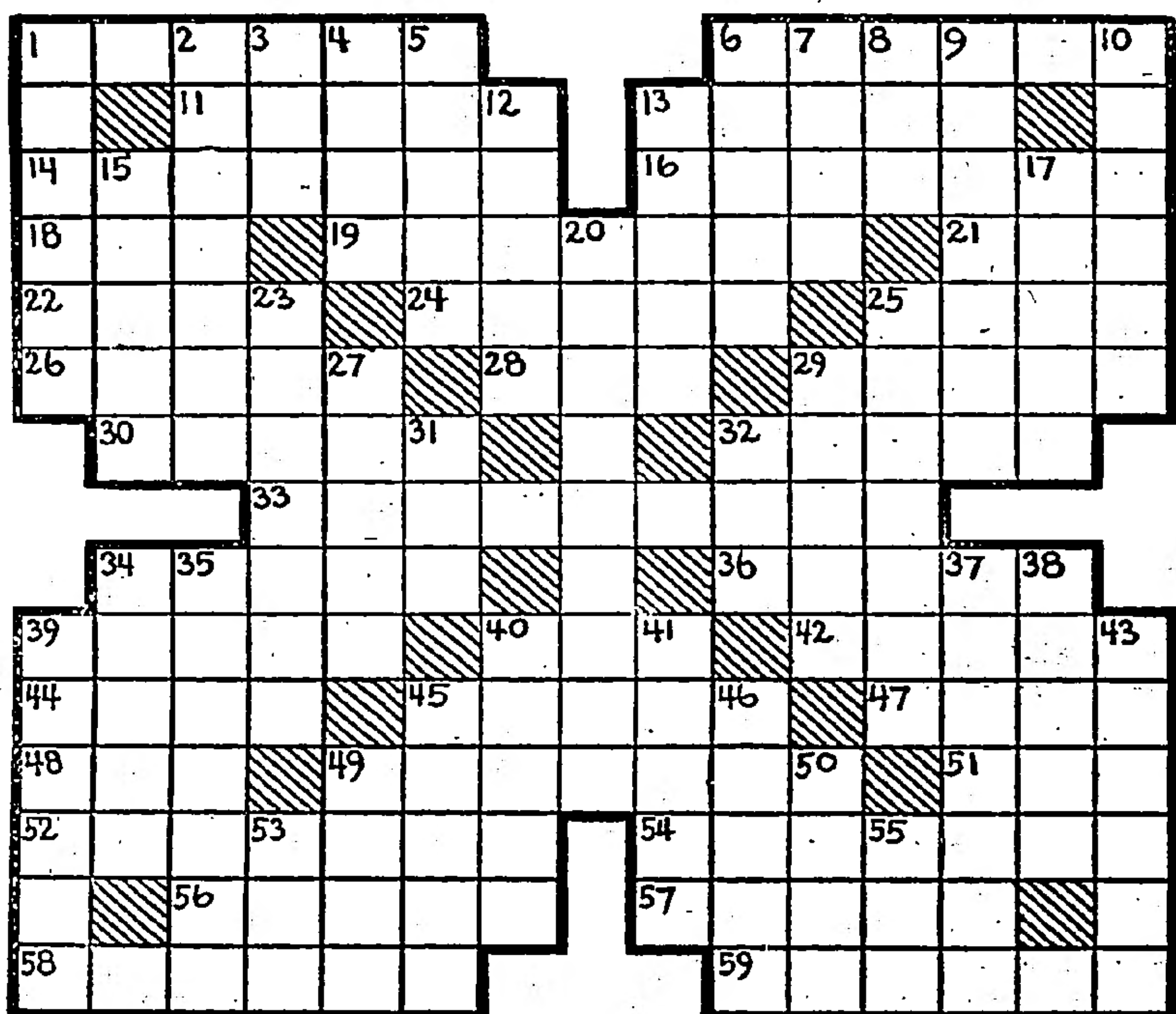
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

- 1—Throngs, as of fish
- 6—More profound
- 11—Former allowances for waste in transportation
- 13—Diner
- 14—Leave a railway train, as troops
- 16—Hoarders
- 18—Language based on Esperanto
- 19—To make level
- 21—Permit
- 22—A citrus fruit
- 24—Made a mistake
- 25—Famous Italian actress
- 26—African antelope
- 28—Organ of hearing
- 29—Walked in water
- 30—To follow
- 32—Dogma
- 33—Prized
- 34—Glistening brightness
- 36—Trifles
- 39—Steeple
- 40—Two hundred fifty

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 42—Cut
- 44—Pile
- 45—Part of a church
- 47—Wither
- 48—Swiss river
- 49—Rated
- 51—One of the body
- 52—Originals
- 54—Kind of triangle
- 56—A Roman historian
- 57—The ear (Lat.)
- 58—Lament over
- 59—Lapsed

VERTICAL

- 1—Seat in a chancel
- 2—A Turk
- 3—Arrive (abbr.)
- 4—Follage
- 5—Steps on each side of a fence
- 6—Assigned a date to
- 7—English school
- 8—Ever (Contr.)
- 9—An opening strain
- 10—Ceased from labor

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 12—Trap
- 13—The natural fat
- 15—Magistrate of ancient Rome
- 17—To set again
- 20—Conducts
- 23—Immerse
- 25—Caresses
- 27—A German painter
- 29—Worthless plants
- 31—Even (contr.)
- 32—Prefix. Thrice
- 34—Cut
- 35—Listening
- 37—Highest mountain in the world
- 38—Greenish finch
- 39—Molder
- 40—Rank
- 41—Capital of Tibet
- 43—To curve again
- 45—Apportion
- 46—To happen again
- 48—A wrap
- 50—Venture
- 53—Meridian (abbr.)
- 55—Waterfall (Scot.)

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

SWAPS

SWAP HEREIN NOT HEREAFTER
WILL SELL or SWAP

- 1 Chesterfield Settee
- 2 Singer Drophead Machine
- 3 Large Cabinet Victrola
- 4 Violin, Case and Stand
- 5 Handel Banjo & Case
- 6 Small Cabinet Victrola
- 7 Table Model Gramophone
- 8 R. C. A. Radio, Gramophone,
- 9 Furnished Doll's House
- 10 Collection Old Coins
- 11 Pair Blue Ginger Jars
- 12 Large Teak Ice Chest
- 13 Coloured China Vases
- 14 Small Writing Desk
- 15 Nest Blackwood Teapots
- 16 Gateleg Dining Table
- 17 Teakwood Sideboard
- 18 Small China Cabinet
- 19 Glass Door Cabinet
- 20 Blackwood Tea Tray & Stand
- 21 16mm. Movie Camera
- 22 Teak Office Table
- 23 Large Office Desk
- 24 Blackwood Arm Chair
- 25 Small Teak Dresser
- 26 Deal Cupboard as new
- 27 Standard size Ice Chest
- 28 Saludar Water Filter
- 29 Wardrobe with Mirror
- 30 21-piece China Tea Set
- 31 Ladies' Dresser & Stand
- 32 Mahogany Dresser
- 33 Small Teak Chest Drawers
- 34 Large Roll Top Desk
- 35 Office High Desk
- 36 M/Coil Loud Speaker
- 37 High Tension Units
- 38 G.M.T. Accumulator Bat.
- 39 Old Service Telescope
- 40 Sifam Milliamperes M.
- 41 Pair Glass Candlesticks
- 42 Cut Crystal Fruit Dish
- 43 Electric Table Fan
- 44 Small Child's Dresser
- 45 White Enamel Bathtubs
- 46 Teakwood Bookrack
- 47 Old Style Dresser
- 48 Double Bed Box Spring
- 49 Single Iron Bedstead
- 50 Double Bed complete
- 51 Child's Play Pen
- 52 Enamelled Chest Drawers
- 53 Large Wall Mirror
- 54 3-fold Bedroom Screen
- 55 Large Tin-lined Linen Box
- 56 Kerosine Heater
- 57 Ditmar Kerosine Lamp
- 58 Imperial Portable Typewriter
- 59 Card Index Cabinet Teak,
- 60 Streamlined Speed Boat.

PHONE YOUR SWAPS 30761.

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Kerosine Cookstove.
Gas Range & Geyser.
Standard Sewing Machines.
Old Gramophone Records.
Chesterfield & Chairs.
Small Outboard Motor.
Movie Camera 8mm.
Good Movie Projector.
Small Cabin Trunks.
Good Motor Cycle.
Office Furniture.
Household Furniture.
Travellers Samples.
Surplus Stocks.
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LEAGUE AND PALESTINE MANDATE

Geneva, To-day.

The Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations ended its 31st ordinary session yesterday and the situation in the former German Colonies, now under British, South African and Australian mandates, was discussed.

Before holding its next ordinary session in October, the Commission intends to hold an extraordinary session to study the situation in Palestine.

This extraordinary session, it will be recalled, has been several times postponed. It was scheduled for the end of June, but it appears doubtful whether the British Government will have finished its report by that time.—Trans-Ocean.

GREEK CHURCH TO COLLECT FOR AIR FLEET

Athens, To-day.

The Ecclesiastical authorities in Greece have ordered that a collection be made in all orthodox catholic churches during the orthodox Whitsun for the Greek airfleet.—Trans-Ocean.

ITALIAN WINS LIGHTWEIGHT T.T. RACE RECORD BROKEN IN ISLE OF MAN

Douglas, Isle of Man, To-day.

For the first time in history, a foreigner has won the Lightweight Tourist Trophy Race for 250 c.c. motorcycles.

The winner, Tenni (Italy) finished the 264 miles in the time of 3 hours, 32 minutes, 6 seconds, at a record average speed of 74.72 miles an hour.

Tenni also set up a new lap record with a speed of 77.72 miles an hour.

Second came Ginger Wood, riding an Excelsior in 3 hours, 32 minutes, 43 seconds, and an average speed of 74.50 m.p.h., and third, Thomas (Britain), riding a German D.K.W., in 3 hours, 36 minutes, 36 seconds, at an average speed of 73.17 m.p.h.—Reuter.

JAPANESE VESSEL SEIZED

Taken By Soviet Patrol Ship

Sapporo, Hokkaido, June 14.

Authorities here to-day started an investigation of an unconfirmed report that the training vessel Shinobuji Maru of the Hakodate Higher Fisheries School had been seized by a Soviet patrol ship while on a cruise off Kamchatka.

The training ship, the report said, was captured by the Soviet ship nine miles off the west coast of Kamchatka on June 10. The captain of the Japanese vessel and other officers were, it was stated, imprisoned.—Domei.

Roosevelt Affords New Shock

New York, To-day.

The President has given fresh shocks to financial circles by an announcement in the course of which he referred to the more equal distribution of wealth.

Wall Street is inclined to believe, however, that no change of policy is intended, but that the President was making political play to counter the severe setback of the Supreme Court decision.

T.V. SOONG IN HONG KONG

LEAVING BY NIGHT EXPRESS

Mr. T. V. Soong, former Finance Minister of China and present Chairman of the National Economic Council, arrived in the Colony this morning in the Empress of Asia and was met on arrival by a large crowd of Chinese officials, many of whom had made the trip from Canton in order to greet the distinguished visitor.

Mr. Soong disembarked as soon as the vessel had berthed at Kowloon Wharf and, boarding a motor-launch belonging to Dr. Li Shu Fan, crossed the harbour to Hong Kong.

Among the many who were present on the wharf were:—

General Hsiang Hsiang-ping, Second-in-command of the 4th Route Army, General Hsu King-tang, Kwangtung Commissioner of Reconstruction, Mr. Au-yang Kui, Secretary-General to Mr. Wu Tchen, the Kwangtung Governor, Mr. Li Fang, Councillor of the Canton Municipality, and a number of high Canton officials and bankers.

Mr. Soong will leave for Canton, where he is to carry out an investigation of reconstruction measures in Kwangtung, by this evening's express.

MARSHAL PETAIN IN AMSTERDAM

Visit Of Purely Private Nature

Amsterdam, To-day.

Marshal Petain, member of the French Higher War Council, who is on a visit to the Netherlands, called at the Colonial Office yesterday and talked with the Premier, Dr. Colijn.

The visit of Marshal Petain has aroused such extreme interest that the Netherlands Government has issued a statement saying the visit is of a purely private nature.—Trans-Ocean.

Cloudy, Squally And Showery

The Royal Observatory reports:—

A trough of low pressure extends from Tongking to the Bonins with a depression of considerable intensity over S.W. China. The depression over the Yellow Sea appears to have filled up. Forecast:—S. winds, fresh; cloudy, squally, showery.

GRAVE CHARGE AGAINST PORTUGUESE

Carlos Francisco Xavier Alves, a Portuguese, aged 41, employed at the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, was this morning charged before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning with unlawfully and indecently exposing his person on a Star Ferry launch at 6 p.m. yesterday evening.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the defendant and pleaded not guilty. The case was adjourned for a week, defendant being allowed bail in the sum of \$200.

POWERFUL PLANES

Wide Flying Range

London, To-day.

Details of five new types of British fighting planes for which, after successful trials, orders have now been placed, are given by the "Morning Post" which mentions two light and two heavy types, as well as an intermediary type with an exceptionally wide flying range. The paper adds that the light Bristol-Blenheim machine attained during its trials a speed of 279 miles at a height of 14,000 ft.

The Fairey-Battle machine at-

Starving Girls Sold For Six Cents

According to cables from Allahabad, starving aborigines in the Partagbh, Banswara, and Turlam areas are selling their young daughters for six cents each, it was reported here to-day.

Famine conditions in the area resulted from the destruction of crops, throwing 2,000,000 Indians on the verge of starvation.

American and Canadian missions are endeavouring to cope with the relief problem.

tained a speed of 257 miles at a height of 15,000 ft. and the Vickers-Wallesley machine, with an exceptional flying range, attained 202 miles at a height of 8,000 ft. and 191 miles at a height of 20,000 ft.

Two heavy bombing types Handley Page-Harrow and Armstrong Whitworth-Whitley attained a speed of nearly 200 miles at a height of 8,000 ft. and with a load of ten tons.

The armament of the different machines varies between two and five guns.—Trans-Ocean.

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FOREIGNER FALLS FROM WINDOW

Slightly Injured In Drop

Shanghai, Tuesday.

A foreign man whose name was not given fell from a window on the first floor of the Park Apartments, 455 Rue Lafayette, at 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon and was injured slightly when he struck the pavement below, according to the French Police. He was taken to hospital in an ambulance, but he had sustained no fractures or other serious injury, the police reported. The fall was purely accidental, they said.

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